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Stewardship Commission Has 74 Meet

NASHVILLE (BP)—The Southern Baptist Convention's Stewardship Commission, in annual session here, elected officers, approved a budget for 1974-75 and promoted a staff member.

Paul Cates, Lubbock, Tex., businessman, was re-elected to a second one-year term as chairman of the Stewardship Commission.

Commission members, who are elected as representatives from their state conventions by vote of the SBC, approved a 1974-75 budget of \$750,500. Approximately 25% of the Commission budget, or \$185,000, will come through receipts from the Cooperative Program unified budget. The remainder comes primarily from sales and commission services. The commission also authorized the executive director-treasurer, A. R. Fagan, to request a Cooperative Program appropriation up to \$250,000 for the budget year, 1975-76.

Fred M. Chapman, who has been serving on the Stewardship Commission staff as associate director of endowment and capital giving promotion, was promoted to director of

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Baptists Plan Latin American Urban Meeting

RICHMOND (BP) — Seeking solutions to the worldwide challenge of reaching urban residents with the gospel of Jesus Christ is the goal of a Latin America-wide conference in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, August 13-20.

The conference on urban evangelism, sponsored by the Southern Baptist Foreign Missions Board, will attract representatives from among national Baptists and Southern Baptist missionaries in 16 countries and feature urban strategy experts on its program.

Pointing up the urgency of the conference topic, planners point out, are the current population figures for

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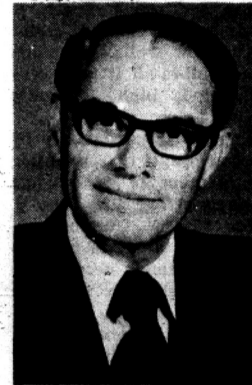
State Conference For Deacon Chairmen, Pastors, Wives Set

The first State Baptist Convention Conference for Deacon Chairmen and Pastors and wives will be held at First Baptist Church in Jackson Nov. 1-2.

Dr. Foy Rogers, director of the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, said the conference would be jointly sponsored by the department and the Church Administration Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., Howard Foshee, director.

Speakers and conference leaders will include Dr. Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer

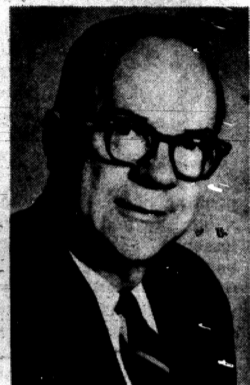
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Dr. Earl Kelly



Howard Foshee



Dr. Owen Cooper

Convention President Urges New Evangelism Concepts

By James Lee Young
LAUSANNE, Switzerland (BP) — The president of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) said here that interpreting new concepts of missions and attitudes of Christianity and evangelism around the world should be given more attention by western Christians — particularly Southern Baptists.

Attending the International Congress on World Evangelization here in the Palais de Beaulieu, Jaroy Weber, a Lubbock, Tex., pastor and recently elected president of the SBC, told Baptist Press that "Southern Baptists should step up their total mission and outreach worldwide" but said they "should be aware that other nations are now sending missionaries to our country."

Weber, a congress participant along with about 90 other persons who identified themselves as Southern Baptists, said, "The principle here—the congress seems to be saying—is that every body of believers (in Jesus Christ) has been given the Great Commission to go to the ends of the earth."

The SBC president said the Southern Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Boards are in the forefront of leading in the changing of attitudes toward evangelizing the rest of the world.

"They're trying to interpret the

message for the rest of the constituency. It's a continual job and should be given priority in the total denominational structure."

He continued, "Sometimes when we read convention budget figures, it implies that evangelism isn't getting the priority it should."

Nevertheless, Evangelist Billy Gra-

ham, first in a series of congress speakers from all corners of the evangelical world, paid special notice to Southern Baptists, who, he said, are among the "more evangelical denominations showing a steady growth."

He noted, "It is true that old traditional denominations with theological liberal tendencies are declining."

Disney Musician To Direct World Premiere Of Musical

PORTLAND, Ore. (BP)—Disney World in Orlando, Fla., and Samford University in Birmingham, Ala., will have a mutual representative present and starring when the 8th Baptist Youth World Conference opens in the Portland Memorial Coliseum on Wednesday evening, July 31, 1974. The conference will run through August 4, with young people from more than 40 nations attending.

Directing the music-singing and orchestra—for the world premiere of "The Common Cup," a Christian musical, will be Bob Burroughs, director of "Kids of the Kingdom," musical show at Disney World. Burroughs also directs the Hear and Now Singers from the Baptist university in Birmingham, where he is Samford's Composer in Residence.

The Hear and Now Singers will make up a large part of the cast for "The Common Cup," which is set in London and depicts the search of a small, orphaned

boy for love and friends in that city's streets and alleys.

Benji—orphan, shoeshine boy is played by Doug Barnes, 12, from Garland, Tex., who observers say, turns in a "superb" performance.

The musical interprets the conference theme, "Christ—Our Challenge to Live."

"Common Cup's" musical score was written by Bill Cates, a Nashville, Tenn. composer, who has worked with the Up with People cast. His wife, Linda, a former lead soloist for Up with People, has a leading role in "The Common Cup." The book and lyrics for the musical were written by Ed Seabough, of Atlanta, Ga., who shares directing duties with Robert Thrift, minister to students for University Baptist Church in Austin, Tex. The Cates and Seabough are employed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

The world famous evangelist expressed the hope that congress participants would frame a "Biblical declaration on evangelism," saying the "time has come again for the evangelical world to speak with a strong, clear voice as to the Biblical definition of evangelism."

He challenged the World Council of Churches (WCC) assembly, set for next year in Jakarta, Indonesia, to "study such a statement carefully and prayerfully with the idea of adopting more evangelical concepts of evangelism and missions."

Emilio E. Castro, director of the WCC commission on missions and evangelism, Geneva, one of five WCC visitors to the congress, said the WCC would welcome such a statement from the congress and would hope to include it in the Jakarta meeting.

Reactions from Southern Baptists to the conference, where, on the whole, favorable.

C. B. (Bill) Hogue, director of evangelism for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, told Baptist Press he believed the congress was dealing with the central issues vital to a strong thrust of evangelism.

"One thing they are trying to do—something that few conferences have really tried to do — is to define

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Attendance, Attitudes, New Emphases Feature Conferences

GLORIETA, N. M. — The introduction of four new Sunday School emphases, attendance and attitudes of participants highlighted the recent Sunday School Leadership Conferences held at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center here.

A. V. Washburn, secretary of the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, indicated he is "absolutely thrilled with these two weeks. I believe it is indicative — even beyond last year — of the growing and deep concern for reaching people, building up the church and revitalizing its work. This is very encouraging."

Washburn pointed out that after several years of decline in Sunday School enrollment, the past two years have shown an upsurge in attendance. Statistics released by the board's research services department in February revealed that Sunday School

has 7,182,550 members, an increase of 41,097 above the 1971 figure.

"It is a contagious feeling and I believe this attitude of awareness will perpetuate itself," added Washburn. "Attending these conferences and talking with the people, I have no doubt that Sunday School will continue to grow. The people are alive with the purpose, which is outreach."

An estimated 6,000 participants attended the two leadership conferences and the joint Sunday School-Church Training Conference here. Two leadership conferences will also be held at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center later this summer. Over five thousand are expected to attend the two Ridgecrest Sunday School Conferences.

During the conferences here, four new Sunday School emphases were

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Chairman Announced For '74-75 MCFund Campaign

A Jackson insurance executive, D. R. (Dick) Liddell, has been named general chairman of the 1974-75 Annual Fund campaign at Mississippi College.

It was announced today. Liddell, a native of Hinds County and the president of Fox-Everett, Inc., will head up the Alumni Association fund effort which will be seeking \$200,000 as the campaign goal. His appointment was announced by Dr. F. D. Hewitt, director of Alumni affairs at the college.

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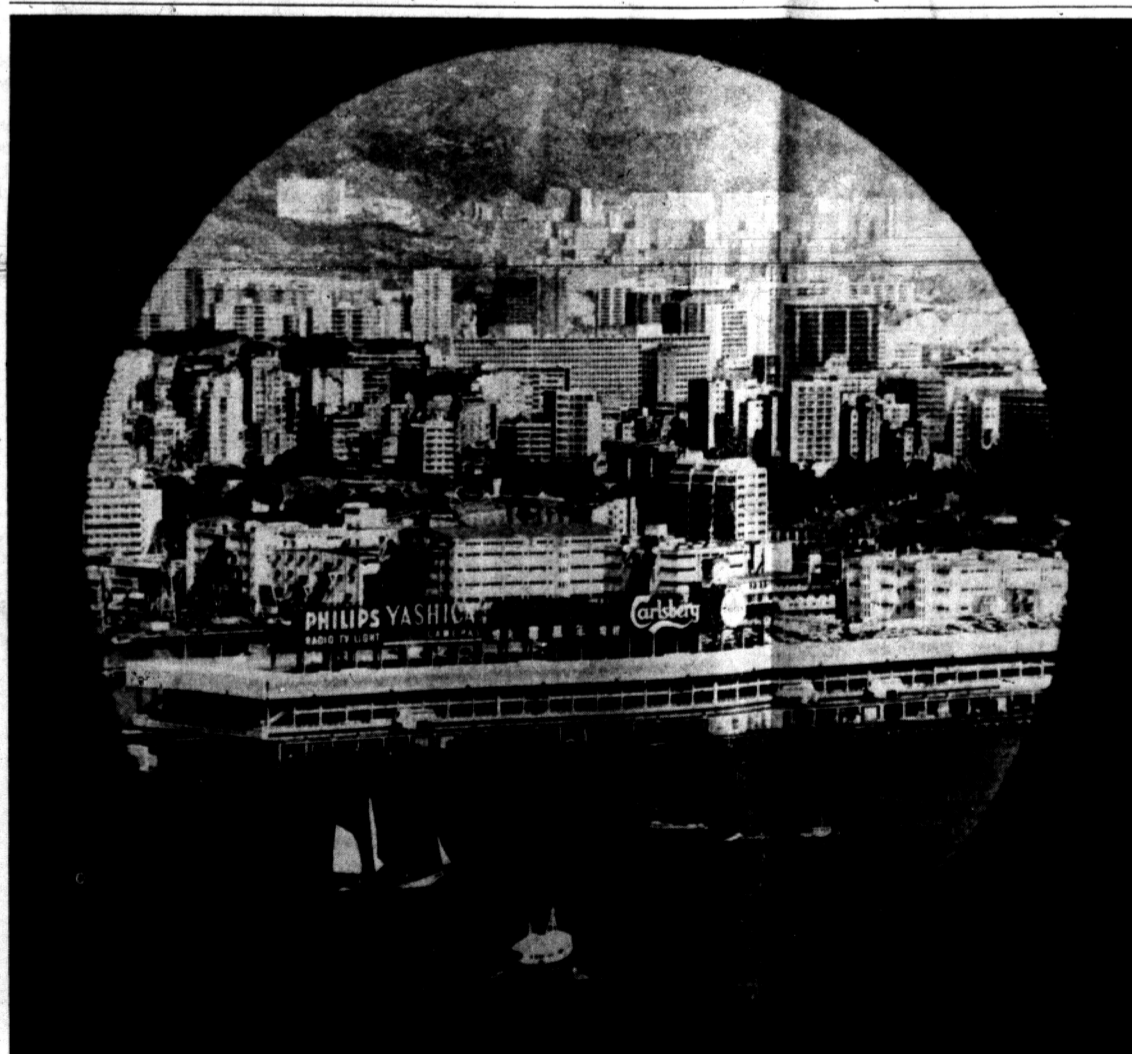
Jacksonian, John E. Thorn, an investment counselor, in the top post. The new chairman has been an active worker in past Annual Fund campaigns.

"It is a real challenge for me to accept this leadership position," said Liddell, "and I look forward to working with other alumni volunteers as we strive for continued financial support for Mississippi's oldest educational institution."

"Working in past campaigns, I have found that Mississippi College has a reputation for quality education among the state's business, church and civic leadership and that these leaders appreciate the opportunity of financially assisting the college," said Liddell.

Liddell worked in the 1973-74 campaign in which a total of \$181,803.22 was contributed by 1,597 donors. The

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World Conference Of Baptist Men To Meet In Hong Kong

Hong Kong, the British crown colony that adjoins Mainland China, will be host to the First World Conference of Baptist Men, November 26-30, 1974. One thousand men from 40 nations are expected, and they are invited also to bring their pastors and their wives. David Y. K. Wong, an architectural engineer of Hong Kong who is chairman of the Men's Department of the Baptist World Alliance, will preside. Robert S. Denny, general secretary of the BWA with headquarters in Washington, said that the meeting will be "one of the most strategic and important meetings of this generation," combining the usual features of a convention with a positive plan for Christian witnessing in Hong Kong and other areas of Asia. Requests for information should be sent to the Baptist World Alliance, 1628 Sixteenth St., N. W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

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TALLEST STEEPLE

Wieuca Road Baptist Church in Atlanta erected what is believed to be the tallest church steeple in America. Pastor William L. Self said the steeple stands 217 feet high, about the height of a 20-story office building. It weighs more than 30 tons. A church member who chose to remain anonymous donated the entire cost of building and installing the \$85,000 steeple. (BP) Photo

Freedom 76 Slated For San Antonio

NASHVILLE — San Antonio, Tex., home of the historic Alamo, will be the site for Freedom 76, Dec. 28, 1975, Jan. 1, 1976.

This national meeting for students and young adults will be held in Hemis-Fair Plaza, within walking distance of the Alamo.

Charles Roselle, general chairman of the Freedom 76 coordinating committee and secretary of national student ministries of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, said the conference "is to speak to student and other young adult involvement in the mission of the church at the beginning of the 200th anniversary of our nation."

"It is hoped that the participants will come to realize that they do not live in a world of isolation but a world of missionary responsibility," he continued.

"Freedom 76 will enable college students, single young adults and young couples to take a look at their heritage in light of Christ's freedom," Roselle said.

"They will have a chance at the beginning of the 200th anniversary of our nation to establish direction concerning what part their vocation will have in the world mission of the church," he said, "and will have the opportunity to examine those values significant toward meaningful home life and integrity in society."

Objectives of Freedom 76 include renewal of historical awareness of the gospel, which results in responsibility and service; motivation and commitment to world missions and church vocations; and encouragement of the application of the gospel as a life style.

Participants at the meeting will be

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Study Shows Alcohol Problems Cost U. S. \$25 Billion A Year

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — A comprehensive new report on alcohol and health reveals that alcoholism and related problems are costing the U.S. more than \$25 billion a year.

The 219-page report, prepared by a 36-member task force, also states that 36% of high school students report getting drunk at least four times a year, and one in seven male high school seniors report getting drunk once a week.

"We have previously underestimated the economic costs of alcohol-related problems to our nation's econo-

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Pastor Extends Pulpit Ministry Through Mail

The pulpit ministry of one pastor in Mississippi has been extended far beyond the congregation he serves and reaches to people in nearly a dozen different states.

Several years ago Hardy R. Denham, Jr., pastor of First Church, Newton, initiated a "Sermon of the Week" program. One of the Sunday sermons, and on occasions a Wednesday night message, was printed in full text form and made available to members of the congregation. This was later supplemented with the monthly printing of a study syllabus on the adult Life and Work Sunday School lessons. This latter project was begun in the fall of 1968 for the benefit of the Sunday School workers for whom the pastor previews the lessons. Both the printed sermons and the lesson syllabi were mailed to a few friends and denominational workers. As knowledge of the "Sermon of the Week" ministry spread others asked to be added to the mailing list. Today these materials go to a number of pastors, laymen and denominational workers in all of the Southeastern states, Texas and as far north as Alaska.

Actually, the "Sermon of the Week" ministry of First Church, Newton is an outgrowth of a similar ministry provided by Mr. Denham while he was pastor of First, Ellenville. A condensation of a Sunday sermon was printed and made available to the congregation and others.

A nominal fee from pastors who are now recipients of the "Sermon of the Week" ministry was first requested at the beginning of 1974. This request was necessitated by the increased number of people desiring the materials plus cost increases of supplies and postage. Anyone interested in this phase of the pulpit ministry of First Church, Newton is encouraged to correspond with Mr. Denham.

Chairman Announced

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campaign goal was \$150,000. He headed up the Business and Industry Division which called on firms in the Hinds County area for support of the Division of Business and Economics at the college.

Liddell attended Hinds Junior College and received his bachelor of science degree from Mississippi College in 1963. He is also a graduate of the Insurance of North American School for Agents in Philadelphia, Pa.

He is a member of the Board of Directors of Cook - Treadwell and Harry, Inc., a Memphis, Tenn., based brokerage agency and underwriting company. He is also serving on the Board of Directors of Assurex International, an organization owned by approximately 50 insurance agencies located in each state and in several foreign countries.

A past president of the Utica Lions Club, Liddell also served on the Board of Trustees of Utica High School and is a past-president of the Capital Optimist Club. He serves as a director for the Jackson Preparatory School and was Division Chairman in charge of finance for the 1973 UGF campaign.

Liddell is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Jackson and is married to the former Marlene Love. They have three children and reside at 5425 Hialeah Drive.



Mr. and Mrs. Horne

Hickory Honors Horne-Clerk For 38 Years

A special Andrus G. Horne Service was held at Hickory Church on Sunday, July 14, to honor layman Andrus G. Horne, who recently completed 38 years of service as church clerk. The special service was held in the afternoon after a fellowship dinner at the new home. Numerous members of his family and many friends assembled for the service. Leaders of the church paid tribute to Mr. Horne for his dedicated life and faithful service, and Dr. C. H. Melton, associational superintendent of missions for Newton

Northern Plains Baptists Fill Banks With Many Quarters To Help Pay For Their New Convention Board Building

The photograph at right shows the new building of the Northern Plains Baptist Convention in Rapid City, S. D. We asked Dr. Baker, secretary of the convention to send us a picture of the building, and a story on what they are doing to pay for it. The following is his reply:

Dear Dr. Odle:

I am sending a picture which you asked for sometime ago, indicating you would be kind enough to run it in the Mississippi Baptist Record.

This building is located near the heart of the city, offering easy access for any highway entering the city, and will no doubt serve the needs of our convention for many years to come. There is a full basement under it with deep window wells, providing ample light and all-in-all it is a very well - constructed, high - quality building.

This building was purchased by Northern Plains Baptist Convention with a downpayment of \$1,000 just about eight days before the June 9, 1972 flood, for \$65,000. Our convention, with the assistance of individuals, associations, friends here, there and yonder, were able to raise an additional \$19,000 to provide the \$20,000 down payment by October 1, 1972, and we moved into the building at that time. We gave the owner a note for \$45,000 at 6% interest to be paid October 1, 1974. Last year I presented



to our administrative committee a plan whereby we might be able to pay much of the building off prior to the October 1, 1974 D-Day. That was to get at least 5,000 of our 15,000 members to fill two \$5.00 banks with quarters. The administrative committee recommended it to the executive board, and with a great deal of good-natured hilarity they accepted the idea, unanimously voted to present it to the convention in the meeting in November and the convention heartily endorsed the plan. We secured the banks through a firm in Nashville that does a lot of work for the Sun-

day School Board.

We have had several mail-outs from our office concerning this matter. Some of the churches sent us a mailing list and asked us to send them directly to their members. Other churches asked for a certain number of banks that they would distribute themselves. To date, 59 of our 93 churches have joined in this. We have quite a few banks still in the basement, but are sending out another mail-out hoping that other churches will jump in before "Harvest Day," September 15. We have already received \$10,000, which we have in a

savings account drawing interest against the day we will have to pay off.

Sincerely,
John P. Baker

Dr. Baker sent us a sample of one of the "banks" which simply is a coin booklet with places for twenty quarters or a total of \$5.00. If any of our readers would like to share in this effort, he may write to Dr. John Baker, Northern Plains Baptist Convention, P. O. Box 1232, Rapid City, N.D. 57701 for one of the coin holders, or, simpler still, send a direct contribution for the new building.

Joins Faculty Of Louisiana College

Donald A. Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Nelson of 4549 Normandy Drive, Jackson, is joining the faculty of Louisiana College, Pineville, La., as an assistant professor of mathematics.

Mr. Nelson has completed the requirements for a Ph. D. degree in Mathematics, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, and he and Mrs. Nelson, the former Harriet Anne Samuels, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fly of Water Valley will be moving to Pineville in August.

Mr. Nelson graduated from Murrah High School and received his B. S. degree with distinction and high honors from Mississippi College, where he was a member of Alpha Chi; Sigma Pi Sigma, physics honor society; and a Dean's and President's List scholar. Mrs. Nelson received her B. S. degree from Mississippi State College for Women, graduating magna cum laude with honors, and the Master's degree in mathematics from Vanderbilt.

Mr. Nelson's father, A. L. Nelson, is business manager-controller of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

State Conference

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of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Dr. Rogers; Mr. Foshee and the following associates in the Church Administration Department: Dr. Charles Treadway, Ernest Mosley, Dr. James Barry and Francis Martin.

Rev. Leon Emery, associate in the Cooperative Missions Department who supervises church administration promotion in that department, will direct the conference and also be a speaker.

He said that other state leaders to participate would include Rev. Joel Haire, West Point; Mrs. John Gaston, Clinton; Paul Shows, Hattiesburg and Murry Collum, Greenwood.

"The conference is designed to help deacon chairmen and pastors re-examine the work of deacons in light of New Testament examples and the needs of today's churches," Mr. Emery said. "The conference sessions will equip them to lead deacons in churches to realize their full potential in ministry."

"The agenda provides inspiration, group conferences, sharing sessions for pastors and deacons and their wives, and practical helps in planning and conducting deacon ministry projects."

The conference will begin at 5:30 p. m. Friday and adjourn at noon Saturday following Dr. Cooper's closing address on "The Deacon and His Denomination."

DEVONSHIRE, Bermuda - Baptist women at First Baptist Church here are spending spare time sharing themselves with other people. On Valentine's Day seven women visited the Warwick Rest Home with a tea party. Mrs. Robert L. Harris, missionary press representative, reports that one senior citizen who hardly ever talked told of her mother's piano playing, another announced that it was her wedding anniversary and group singing awoke empty stares. She said the women also regularly visit a workshop and day care center for retarded young people and a house for the blind.

County, brought a message. He spoke of Mr. Horne as one who had been Available, Able, Appreciative, Attentive, Aspiring and Anticipating. The church presented Mr. Horne a plaque and a gift Bible. The picture shows Mr. and Mrs. Horne at the service.

Natchez Church Adds To Village Educational Fund

Parkway Church, Natchez, has added \$150 to a special College Education Fund founded recently for boys and girls of the Baptist Children's Village, according to Paul Nunnery, Village superintendent.

This amount was given to the Village as an expression of appreciation for the services of their interim pastor. The fund was established earlier this year by a similar gift of \$250 from Oakhurst Church, Clarksdale.

Individual gifts have been added

from Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ferguson of Clarksdale, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Laney of Lyon, and Kermit S. King of Jackson.

The fund was originally conceived from the college education of one resident of the Baptist Children's Village. If a sufficient amount of money can be secured before the time of the intended use of the fund, it will become an endowment with the proceeds being used by boys and girls to assure them of college education or vocational training.

At present the administration does

seek to help boys and girls who are residents of the Village at the time of their graduation from high school but has no specific funds budgeted for this purpose.

The administration at The Children's Village has expressed its gratitude for these additions to its educational resources, and points out that more than 70 different Village boys and girls have been afforded college training through the past twelve years because of the continuing concern and financial assistance of friends such as the donors to this fund.

Convention President

Urges New Concept Of Evangelism

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"evangelism," Hogue said.

Jack P. Lowndes, former president of the Home Mission Board's board of directors and a current member of the board, said the unique thing about the congress is the crossing of denominational lines with a major emphasis on evangelism.

"Obviously no one denomination - including Southern Baptists - will evangelize the world, said Lowndes, pastor of Memorial Baptist Church in Arlington, Va.

Weber recalled a statement by a conference program personality, R. Keith Parks, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board secretary for Southeast Asia who noted that every group, regardless of its size, location or whatever, has the same responsibility in the Kingdom of God - to evangelize.

"We shouldn't be appalled, then," Weber said, "when other countries begin sending missionaries to the United States."

Weber said, "Our attitude has been that (Americans) have the heathen world out beyond us and we have tried to penetrate it - in a limited fashion."

"Now we have to recognize that we're all part of the great population mass - in the United States and other parts of the world - which has rejected the gospel of Jesus Christ."

"True evangelism," Weber said, "will reach out the hand of care. It includes political and social, but these will be secondary in their nature to

the proclaiming of the gospel."

The congress, involving evangelical representatives from numerous nations and every continent, is intended, according to officials, to develop a strategy for worldwide evangelization.

To emphasize the point of how urgent the congress planning committee felt the matter of worldwide evangelism to be, a computer in the lobby of the Palais de Beaulieu ticked off

the number of births in the world since the congress began. Also listed were the number of births since the last such congress in Berlin, 1960.

Southern Baptists, named as congress program personnel were Parks, W. Maxey Jarman of Nashville, also a member of the congress planning committee, and Kenneth L. Chafin, pastor of South Main Baptist Church in Houston.

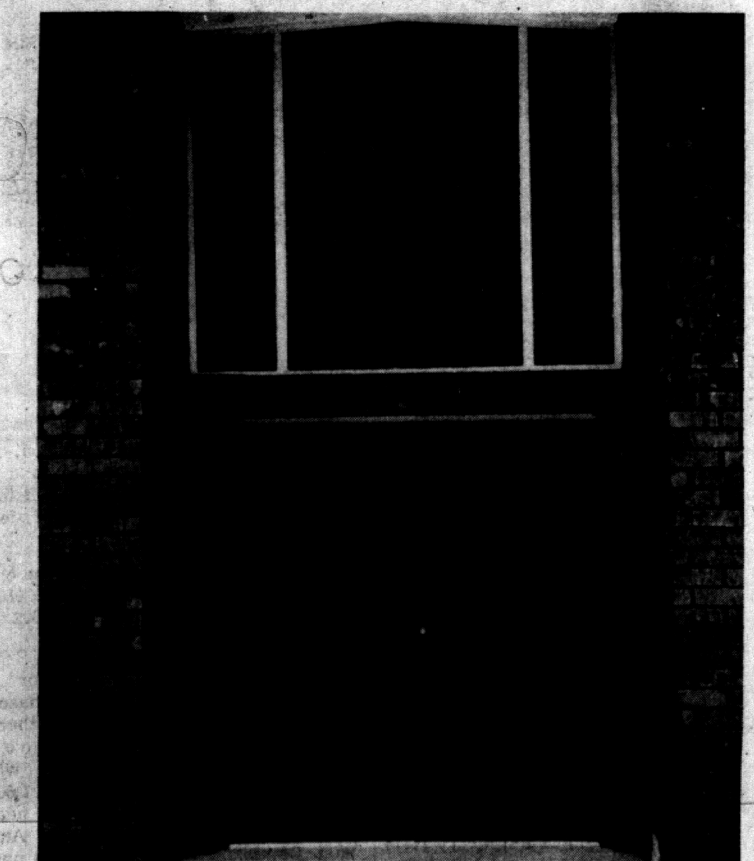
CONTINENTAL AIRLINES IS HONORED FOR 'GRACE' CARDS AT MEALS

LOS ANGELES (RNS)—The Laymen's National Bible Committee has presented a citation of appreciation to Continental Airline and its president, Robert F. Six, for providing prayer cards with meals served on its flights.

Continental Airlines was praised for demonstrating "through the years exemplary sensitivity to the religious needs of the people it services and provides a good example of what business corporations can do to foster a return to religious values and devotion in America."

The idea of providing "grace cards" was suggested by a Continental employee in 1949. The wording has been revised several times, and now reads: For those of all faiths who wish to join in a table grace:

Before the meal: "Happy is he whose help and hope is the Lord, his God, Who keeps faith forever and Who gives food to the hungry. Praise the Lord. (Psalm 146: 5, 7, 10). After the meal: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His Holy Name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His Benefits. (Psalm 103: 1,2).



West Side, Macon, To Dedicate Sanctuary

Special services will be held July 28 at West Side, Macon (Noxubee) as the congregation moves into a new sanctuary. Rev. Kenneth Overby, pastor, will preach the 11 o'clock message. Following dinner on the grounds, a dedication service will begin at 2 p.m. with Rev. Hugh Poole, pastor of First Church, Macon, bringing the dedicatory message. Rev. Philip Douglas, Clinton, former pastor, will direct the music. The public is invited.

The Convention President Speaks

Many months ago I wrote in this article about the possibility of Billy Graham coming to Jackson. Well, you will be interested in knowing there is a group of us still working on the same possibility. At this time there is nothing definite we can tell you.

However, I do think it is in order for me to make a request. My request is that you pray about this matter. The longer I serve the Lord and the more I pray, the more I see direct and specific results of Christian people praying. Personally, I believe the Billy Graham Evangelistic Team could do a lot for us in Jackson and Mississippi. I think he could reach lost souls for Jesus. I think he would help our churches. I also think he could help society as a whole.

Therefore, I believe it to be in order that we pray as individuals for his coming. I would encourage you to pray in your family devotions for this cause. I would also think it feasible that churches join in intercessory prayer for this very worthy cause.

Conceivably, if we would pray in this way, our Lord could see fit to let this team come to Mississippi and help us.—David Grant

Study Shows - - -

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my," said Dr. Morris E. Chafetz, director of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. He was chairman of the task force preparing the report.

The Institute, in a study made three weeks ago, estimated the total cost of alcoholism in the U.S. to be \$15 billion.

The new report, made public at a news briefing here July 10, said that most of the economic cost of alcohol abuse results from lost work, medical expenses and motor vehicle accidents. The cost of alcohol abuse in 1971—the last year for which figures are available—was estimated to be \$25.3 billion.

Dr. Chafetz said that several recent studies showed that occasional drinking by teenagers was becoming nearly universal and that this trend had increased sharply in the last few years.

He said alcohol control laws and regulations are grossly ineffective in dealing with alcohol problems, and often contribute to the problems.

The new report also cited evidence that heavy drinking increased the risk of cancer of the mouth and throat and that the combination of heavy smoking significantly heightened that risk — to 15 times that among persons who neither drink nor smoke.

However, Dr. Chafetz said there was no evidence yet that the "moderate" use of alcohol was harmful to a person's health.

He said human tolerance to alcohol varies from person to person and, even in one individual varies greatly from time to time, depending on the circumstances.

Dr. Chafetz said the new report—the second prepared for Congress by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare in the last four years—should be considered neither as a condemnation of alcohol nor as an endorsement of drinking, but as an authoritative guide to new knowledge.

Freedom 76 - - -

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students, young adults and workers with students and young adults. Approximately 7,000-10,000 are expected to attend.

Freedom 76 is a cooperative project of several boards and agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention. Ed Seabough, Home Mission Board, is chairman of the promotion-registration committee; W. F. Howard, Baptist General Convention of Texas, is chairman of the program committee; John Seelig, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, is chairman of the materials-follow up committee; and Ben Connell, Brotherhood Commission, is chairman of the logistics committee.

United Presbyterian Financial Crisis Cited At Assembly

LOUISVILLE (EP) — The United Presbyterian Church, at the national level, is in serious financial trouble. Useable reserve funds are almost exhausted, and the 1975 budget faces a 25 per cent cut, delegates to the denomination's 186th General Assembly here were told. The national staff is expected to be reduced.

A 1975 general mission budget of \$26 million, down from \$32 million in 1974, was recommended by an assembly budgeting section. The drop reflects declining contributions by local congregations to the Church's national and international programs.

Richard H. Miller, chairman of the budgeting section, said that no unrestricted reserve funds are available for bolstering the 1975 budget.

At the end of 1973, he reported, unrestricted reserves stood at about \$20 million. But when committed funds are taken into account, only \$7.5 million was free to cope with budgetary deficiencies and increased demands.



Paul Jacobs and Pastor James Porch hoe their plots in Northside's garden.

Church Garden Yields More Than Food

Ed Roberts of Clinton has discovered a new hobby — gardening. He was a novice at it; he began by scanning the pages of a how-to-plant-your-garden book while standing in the midst of his garden plot. He has since moved swiftly through the ranks and now occupies the position of overseer. Sons Eddie, Holly, Jimmy, and David now wield the hoe under Ed's close scrutiny—from the shade. A member of Northside Church of Clinton, Ed is part of his church's gardening project.

Gardening is coming back in style. In fact, according to an article in *The Clinton News*, public interest in vegetable gardens, spurred by rising food prices, appears now to be the greatest since World War II. Thus, the Northside Church has gotten into the gardening act. The growing church, built in 1969 on five acres, has recently added five more acres (for future building expansion) and this portion

is being used for vegetable gardening.

"The members of the church agreed that to be good stewards of God's land we have to make it productive," said Dr. James M. Porch, pastor. Those who desired to plant a garden — some 18 church families — divided the acreage which is behind a grove of pecan trees. The church had the land disced by a local farmer and the gardeners were in business. Each plot was numbered, then the families participating drew numbers to decide who got which plot. Each family was assigned ten rows of land 100 feet long. They decided what they wanted to plant and each family is responsible for taking care of their particular plot.

Among the major items in the gardens are okra, tomatoes, butter beans, snap beans and sweet potatoes.

The church is proud of its project. The members feel they are helping to beat rising grocery bills, practice ecology, strengthen family ties, and offer a unique

opportunity for fellowship within the church. It's much easier, they feel, to pull weeds when you can at the same time talk to someone six rows over who is also pulling weeds.

Dr. Bob King, who led in the organization of the group, said he values the project because it allows the participants to share in a back-to-nature experience—the fresh and exciting process of planting, hoping for rain, and watching plants grow. His belief is that, besides the sheer enjoyment of it, planting a garden reaffirms one's dependence on God. He places importance, too, on the pleasure and good feeling that come from working with one's hands, something too many miss these days. And, Dr. King said, he enjoys watching the superb progress that neophyte Ed Roberts has made!

Most Sunday and Wednesday evenings will find church members, before or after the services, strolling back to the garden to check on the progress. From the top of the slope, one

can see neat rows of corn, peas, watermelon, squash, tomatoes, and peanuts, the evidence of much hard work and the anticipation of much good eating.

The pastor, Dr. Porch, feels that the garden project has had a beneficial effect on the church community. "We began the project with a variety of purposes. To some it was a hobby, to others an adventure in growing, and to still others an attempt to fill the freezer for the winter. But throughout the summer, an overall common concern developed—to multiply the bounty of God's good earth. In addition, a unique kind of fellowship has developed," the pastor noted. "The participants in the project have shared tools, labor, seeds, fertilizer, and, most of all, advice."

The participants will all agree that this unique project has yielded, and will continue to yield, food, fellowship, and fun, all of which will be remembered and enjoyed long after the sore muscles and aching backs have been forgotten.

1st, Florence To Celebrate Sesquicentennial

First Church, Florence will celebrate its 150th year on Sunday, July 28. A week of revival will begin at the 11 o'clock hour and a special service will be held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Dinner will be served in the park and recreation area at noon.

At the 2 o'clock service on July 28, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins will be the inspirational speaker. He is the former long-time pastor of First Church, Jackson, and also former executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Also during this service a book, *A History of Florence First Baptist Church, formerly Steen's Creek*, written by Dr. Eugene I. Farr will be presented. Dr. Farr will tell some of the interesting things he discovered while doing research for his book. Copies of the history will be available, and an autograph party will be held for Dr. Farr during the afternoon.

Florence, First began as a worship service for slaves on the Steen farm about 2½ miles from the present location about the year 1824. At this time it was called Steen's Creek. Shortly after the year 1826, the church was moved near its present location. In 1831 it was admitted to the Pearl River Association. At that time it had 60 members, a fairly large number for a church in that day.

The first pastor was Rev. Isaac Brakefield. Rev. Isham Russell was the second. The third was Rev. Cader Price. Born in Georgia in 1800, Price moved to Covington County, thence to Steen's Creek where he was ordained to the ministry and became pastor in 1833. He served this church for 35 years and was a very influential preacher in Baptist life in the area.

In 1837 he helped organize the Mt. Pisgah Association and Steen's Creek Church became a member of this association. In 1853 he was instrumental in organizing the Strong River Association and was its first moderator. Steen's Creek was in the Strong River Association for 56 years. Since 1909 it has belonged to the Rankin County Association.

In 1900 the railroad came to Steen's Creek and the town name was changed to Florence. It was not until 1959 that Steen's Creek Church was changed to Florence, First.

The revival speaker for the week of July 28-Aug. 2 will be Rev. James D. Watson, Indianola, with Clint and Jarvis Rose Nichols of Hattiesburg leading the music.

The pastor, Rev. M. R. Bradley, extends a cordial invitation to all former pastors, members and friends to attend all of the services of the anniversary day. A very large crowd is expected.



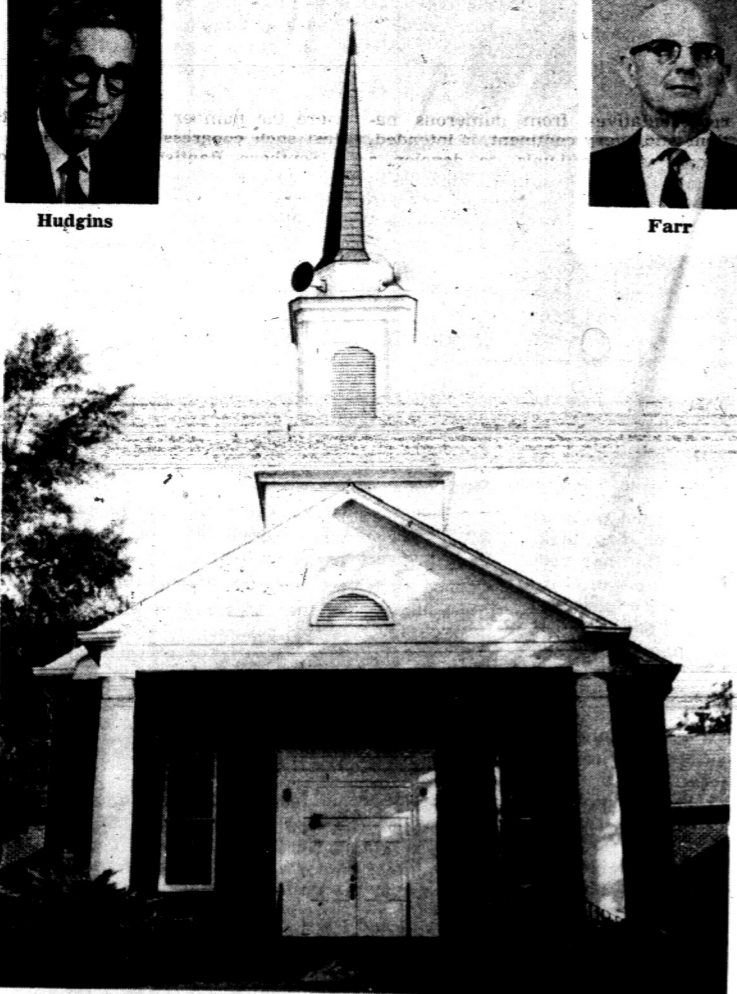
Steen's Creek—earliest available photo



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First Church, Florence—1974

Attendance, Attitudes, New Emphases Mark Conferences

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introduced. According to Washburn, "The most important new emphasis we are conducting is the plan to begin new Sunday Schools throughout the United States. In cooperation with the Home Mission Board, we will begin this thrust in 1977. Although this is two years away, churches need to know about it so they can plan ahead."

"Hello Baptists" is a convention-wide plan to locate and enlist all Southern Baptist church members, said Ken Dean, general officers section consultant in the board's Sunday School department.

Speaking to the conferees, Dean cited that Southern Baptists have 3,332,320 nonresident members. More than one-fourth of our members do not belong to a church in the community in which they live.

Dean explained that "Hello Baptists" is a "cooperative effort between the home church — where the person holds membership; the local church — where the person attends; and the board."

In this plan, the home church is responsible for ministering to its members before they move and encouraging them to transfer their membership when they move. The home church also locates those who have already moved and notifies the local church if possible.

It is the duty of the local church to discover unaffiliated Southern Baptists in their community; initiate contact with prospects and invite them to transfer their membership.

"The board will maintain the Hello Baptists Desk in Nashville; coordinate information on nonresidents; and match prospects to the local church when the home church cannot," concluded Dean.

Another new emphasis is called "Love a Young Adult Today." It is a plan to keep young adults who leave home and the local church for various reasons — active in a church and to assure them that someone cares about them.

"Young adults leave home every year and get lost in the shuffle," stated Joe Haynes, consultant in the Sunday School department's young adult section at the board. "It is the duty of the church to keep in touch with these people and lead them in the right direction. Leaving home can be a traumatic experience and churches need to lessen the blow with Christian love."

Haynes also pointed out that young adults leave home for a number of reasons. Young people leave home

due to military obligation; US-2 program; summer missions; Glorieta and Ridgecrest staff positions; colleges and universities; hospitals; and penal institutions.

According to Washburn, the "Young Adult Away" plan is a part of the major thrust this year in adult work. "There are some 123 million adults in the U. S. who are not affiliated with any church," said Washburn. "Our job is to reach them, and we are going to try."

Conference participants here expressed that most Southern Baptists would like to read the Bible through but seldom have the time or discipline to do it. In light of this fact, a new plan called "Read the Bible through in 1974-75" will begin in October.

"Read the Bible Through" is a systematic plan which will take the individual through the entire Bible in one year. In this plan, the Old and New Testaments will be read concurrently. The outline for daily reading will appear in 23 periodicals — including "Open Windows," "encounter!" and Home Life — and in specially prepared materials. The devotional readings, which already are widely used, will be a part of the larger daily readings in this new plan.

Latin American Urban Meet

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Latin America. Half of the population lives in urban areas of 20,000 or more residents; one fourth, in cities of 500,000 or more.

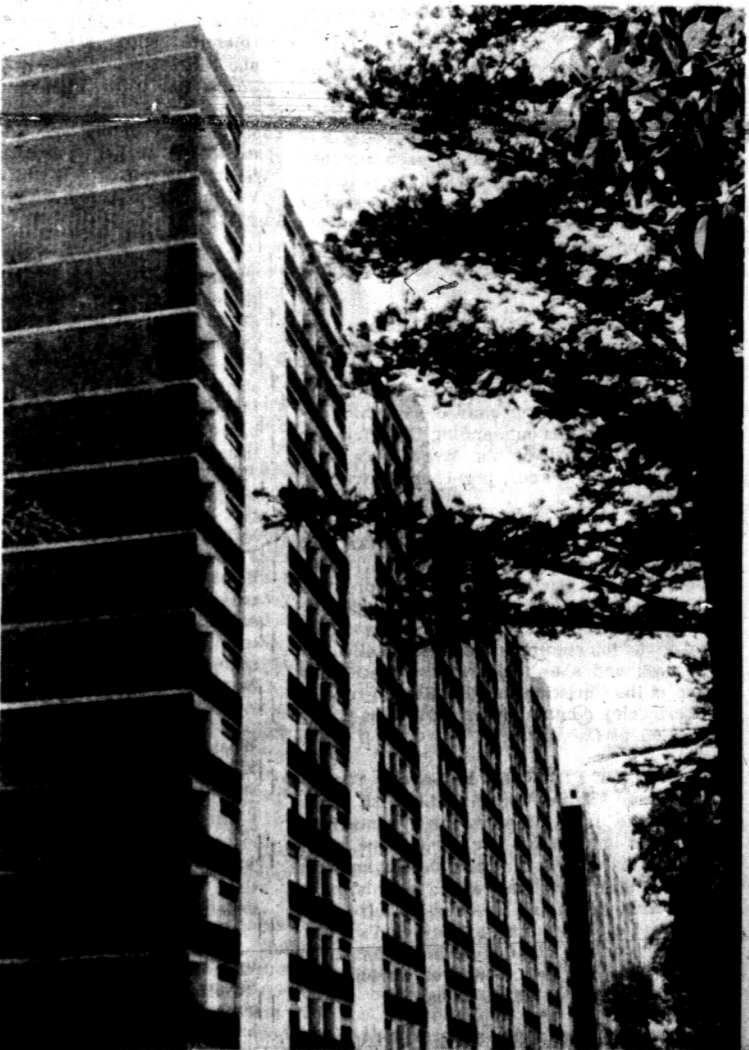
"We want this conference to be so dynamic that the representatives will leave with a wider vision and a deeper burden for the cities of Latin America," said J. Bryan Brasington, the Foreign Mission Board's field representative for northern Spanish South America and chairman of the steering committee for the conference. "We want the conference to be a 'how to' meeting."

"Many churches in Latin America are setting aside August 11 as a special day of prayer for the conference and for winning the cities for Christ," reported Brasington. "Many pastors will be preaching messages around the theme of winning the city."

A prayer rally is to be held that day on one of the hills overlooking Cali, Colombia. Brasington hopes Baptists in the States will join in prayer on August 11.

"The conference is, to some degree, a laboratory experience," said Donald R. Kammerdiener, the board's field representative for Southern Spanish South America. "It is hoped reports given concerning experiments in urban evangelism that have been tried will tell us the things that don't work, as well as the ones that do."

Representatives will come from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela and from the Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso, Tex., which is operated by the Foreign Mission Board.



EVANGELIZING LATIN AMERICA'S CITIES—How can city-dwellers be evangelized, especially those living in high-rise apartments like these in Montevideo, Uruguay? This and other related questions will be discussed at the Conference on Urban Evangelism, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, August 13-20. Delegates from 16 countries will attend. (BP) photo by Southern Baptist missionary Wally Poof.

Cummings Is President-Elect

Southwestern REA To Convene In August

The Southwestern Baptist Religious Education Association will convene August 13-15, on the campus of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth. The Association is a professional meeting for religious educators in churches, denominational work, universities and seminaries. Bryant Cummings, Jackson, Sunday School director, MBCB, is this group's president-elect. Bob Hines is president.

Ken Chafin and Ken Medema will interpret the theme, "What the World Needs . . . Now," at the beginning of each session. R. Lofton Hudson is speaker for the annual banquet. Lyle Schaller, Wayne Dehoney, Elaine Dickson, and Ewing Cooley will be major speakers at the general sessions in Truett Auditorium. Allen Comish, Charles Livingston, and James Daniel of the Sunday School Board will present a symposium on

the Board's work in "Programming to Meet Needs of Today's People."

A special feature of the conference will be dialog meals with Wayne Dehoney, Elaine Dickson, and Bob Fulbright and the children's editors of

the Baptist Sunday School Board. A special program of conferences and a book review-luncheon are planned for wives who attend the conference, led by Mrs. Fisk Ray.

Registration information may be obtained by writing Bob Hines, 4100 South Main, Houston, Texas 77002.

Old Union To Mark 100th Year

Old Union (Tishomingo) will celebrate their centennial July 28. This church was organized July 11, 1874. The program will begin with the opening of the revival.

Dinner will be served at noon, followed by a program in the afternoon. All former members, present members, and interested people are invited.

AMMAN, Jordan — Land for a church building has been purchased here by funds provided by Southern Baptists through the Lottie Moon Offering. Construction probably will begin next year. Comprised of 1,600 square meters, the location is near the present meeting quarters of Amman Baptists. Fawwaz Omeish is pastor.

A low cholesterol, fat-controlled diet may help you prevent heart attack and stroke. Ask your Heart Association about other things you can do to protect yourself.

Mrs. P. I. Lipsey Dies In Clinton

Mrs. Florence B. Lipsey, 88, of Clinton died July 18 in the Care Inn Nursing Home, Clinton, after a lengthy illness. She was the widow of Dr. P. I. Lipsey of Clinton, who died in July 1947, and who was editor of the Baptist Record 1912-1941.

Services were July 19 in Wright & Ferguson Chapel conducted by Rev. Bill Baker and Dr. Howard Spell. Interment was in Clinton Cemetery.

Mrs. Lipsey is survived by three sons, W. Howard Morris of Jackson, Bowen Morris of Biloxi, and Clarence Morris of Biloxi, and Clarence Morris of Greenville; ten grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Lipsey had resided in Clinton since the death of her first husband, Samuel T. Morris in 1926. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Clinton.

She was the second wife of Dr. Lipsey. The first Mrs. Lipsey was the former Julia Toy Johnson.

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EDITORIAL

Changing The Name

As was announced in last week's Record, the committee to study the issue of changing the name of the Southern Baptist Convention has been appointed by the convention president. It is a good committee, comprised of widely known and trusted leaders, from a broad area of Southern Baptist life. Its task, of course, is not to change the name, but to consider the issue of change, and to seek to find a substitute name to propose to the convention next year.

This committee will seek carefully to examine all of the pros and cons concerning the idea of changing the name, and will receive suggestions from a great many people. The main thing that we can do for the committee right now is to pray that it may have divine leadership in its task.

We are confident that there will be many letters to the editors of the state papers, some from people who are alarmed that a change is being considered, and some who feel that to fail to change the name will be a serious error.

Southern Baptists are not agreed on this issue and about the only thing that can be done is to fully discuss it, and to seek to find the will of the majority.

At the present time we see little possibility of the name being changed by the convention, partly because a suitable substitute simply has not been found, and partly because so many do not want a change. The most appropriate names are not available, since they already have been adopted by other conventions. These include American, National, and Conservative. Any of these would be appropriate, but cannot be used. Furthermore, some new names which have been suggested actually hardly are appropriate. For example, the name Continental, one of the proposed names, really is not satisfactory, since the continent includes several countries, and Southern Baptists are found only in the United States. Thus far no name has been suggested which actually fits the need.

The name Southern Baptist Convention

has come to stand for a theological position, rather than a geographical division, even though some of our constituents deny that. The truth is that it does represent a conservative, Bible believing, Bible preaching people, in the minds of most people. However, the use of the word "Southern" has given a regional connotation in some areas outside the South, and has reportedly "turned off" some people the congregations are seeking to reach. Others in the same areas have gladly worn the name because of its theological implications. There is no easy solution, since there is disagreement concerning the effect of the use of the name.

What will the decision be? What will the committee find, and what will its recommendation be? No one knows, and there is no reason to try to second guess the committee. Let us pray for them as they do their work, make suggestions if we have them, and then wait for their report. Then Southern Baptists, in their next convention, will make the decision.

Bible-Teacher Is Author Of Books Of Bible Exposition

Dr. Lehman Strauss, Bible teacher and conference leader, who has appeared in several Mississippi Baptist churches, is the author of many outstanding books. Most of his writing is expository, and few men of our day more effectively open the Word for understanding of its riches. While not a Southern Baptist, he is a Bible believing Baptist. His writings will be a blessing to pastors and other Christian people. We list a few of his books which we have received. Others are available.

JAMES YOUR BROTHER — Study of the Epistle of James, by Lehman Strauss (Loisauz, 248 pp., \$3.75) A sentence by sentence, paragraph by paragraph exposition. The author plumbs the depths of this rich little book, and in twenty-five chapters completely covers the author's message. James will have new meaning for you after you have read these pages.

DEVOTIONAL STUDIES IN GALATIANS AND EPHESIANS by Lehman Strauss (Loisauz Brothers, 254 pp., \$3.75) Clearly outlines the two books, and then gives careful exposition of each of them. As he does in so many of his books the author uses alliteration in developing his discussion. This makes the material easy to follow, and clear in meaning.

THE BOOK OF REVELATION by Lehman Strauss (Loisauz, 151 pp., \$4.50) The author interprets the book from the Prophetic or Futurist point of view. His analysis is clear, and his exposition is rich. He uses alliteration in his outlining, and his presentations of the truths of the book reveal long and careful study.

THE PROPHECIES OF DANIEL by Lehman Strauss (Loisauz, 284 pp., \$4.95) Fascinating studies of one of the great prophetic books of the Bible. The author's analysis reveals in the truths opened in each chapter. Alliteration in outlining, makes the material easy to follow and understand. The studies carefully cover every part of Daniel and not just the prophetic sections, but do open new fields of understanding of the prophetic section.

CERTAINTIES FOR TODAY by Lehman Strauss (Loisauz, 151 pp., \$3.00) The subtitle says "Comforting Truths for Dark Days." Here are sixteen chapters based upon Bible texts, subjects or characters, which reveal how much this outstanding Bible teacher is able to glean from the Word. Will be a blessing to any reader, preacher or average Christian.

THE ELEVEN COMMANDMENTS by Lehman Strauss (Loisauz, 151 pp., \$3.25) Studies of the ten commandments of Sinai and the eleventh commandment of love. The subtitle is From Sinai to Calvary. The author makes the ten commandments come alive for our day, and shows clearly the place they have in the Christian life. Finally, he reveals the crowning commandment of love as it was revealed at Calvary.

WE LIVE FOREVER by Lehman Strauss (Loisauz, 122 pp., paper, \$1.00) An opening of the full Bible teaching concerning death and its meaning. Dr. Strauss has carefully studied the Word, and gives its answers to the many questions which people have concerning death. He deals with false concepts and uses Scripture to show God's truth. An enlightening, comforting book, for those who are saved, and a book of warning for those who have rejected Christ.

GOD'S PLAN FOR THE FUTURE by Lehman Strauss (Zondervan, 150 pp., paperback, \$1.50) A careful study of prophetic truth as it is understood and interpreted by those who hold the Premillennial view, and the author's exposition clearly shows why so many Bible scholars hold this view. He opens

with a chapter on signs. This followed by studies of events to come in connection with the Lord's return, and the events to follow it. There are chapters on the Seventy Weeks, the Jew and Palestine, Maranatha, World Peace, and finally on Christ as the Only Hope. This is one of the clearest, most logical, presentations of the Scripture revelation concerning the Lord's return that we have read.

SMALL BOOKS of 12 to 46 pages, are published in connection with Dr. Strauss' radio ministry. They sell at 50c per copy and may be secured from Bible Study Time, Box 6191, Philadelphia, Pa. 19115. There are many in the series, but we list just a few of them here.

Regeneration, Justification, Sanctification
The Doctrine of Sin
We Can Trust the Bible Assurance
The Trinity
The Doctrine of Salvation
Speaking in Tongues
When Loved Ones Are Taken in Death (Lifetime Publications, P. O. Box 445, Levittown, Pa., 19058)

TRAMP FOR THE LORD by Corrie ten Boom, with Jamie Buckingham (Fleming H. Revell, \$5.95, 192 pp.) A sequel to the best-seller, *The Hiding Place*, this new book is the remarkable account of an indomitable lady's life and travels, and the radiant faith that has sustained her through it all. Since World War II, Corrie ten Boom has travelled around the world twice, by jirrikisha, horse-drawn wagons, and jet planes. She has spoken in more than 60 countries on all the continents — to proclaim the powerful message Jesus Christ is Victor! Candid snapshots from Corrie's travels.

summary of her teachings. (Mr. Buckingham, who cooperated with Miss ten Boom in writing the book, is a roving editor for Guidepost.)

PUPPET SHOWS THAT REACH AND TEACH CHILDREN, Volume 2, by Joyce Reynolds (Gospel Publishing House, paper, \$2.95, 62 pages) Here are directions for making puppets, dressing them, providing backgrounds for puppet shows, and making a portable puppet theatre. It gives the script for ten puppet shows for children, each based on a Bible story such as "John Baptizes Jesus," "Jesus Pays the Temple Tax," "The Widow's Offering," and "The Resurrection."

LIVING THROUGH LOVING by Leslie F. Brandt (Concordia, 96 pp., paper \$1.75) Brief reflections which seek to interpret for today's living the meaning and message of each epistle of the New Testament. Not a commentary, but simply some summary thoughts concerning the messages of these books.

REACH OUT TO PEOPLE by A. V. Washburn and James E. Fitch (Convention, 122 pp., paper) A study course manual designed to help churches develop and use plans and programs for reaching people.

NEW CHURCH MEMBER ORIENTATION MANUAL by Earl Waldrup (Convention, Study Course manual for guidance in training new church members.)

LORD, MAKE MY LIFE A MIRACLE by Raymond C. Ortlund (Regal, paper, \$1.25) Story of how commitment changed the life of a church. A pastor tells the story of what happens when we let the Lord take over, and how to do it.

WISE UP AND LIVE by Paul E. Larsen (Regal, paper, 233 pp., \$1.25) Studies of select, choice passages in the book of Proverbs. The author interprets the passage, and carefully applies it to modern living.

JUSTICE NOW — Hosea, Amos, Micah in Today's English Version (American Bible Society 58 pp., paper) Pocketbook size copy of Today's English Version of the three OT minor prophets.

JONAH SPEAKS AGAIN by Don W. Hillis (Baker, paper, \$1.25) A discussion guide on the book of Jonah.

COMMANDMENTS AND PROMISES OF JESUS CHRIST by David Wilkerson (Regal, paper, 63 pp., \$1.00) Small pocketsize collation of commandments and promises given by our Lord.

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Challenges Baptist Tour-Group Report On Russia

Dear Sir:

I have read the article in the Baptist Record of May 9, 1974, entitled *Russian Religious Freedom More Than Czar Allowed*. The entire article is concerned with the visit to Russia of James L. Sullivan and his wife, along with a group of North American Baptist leaders, the group being invited by the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists of the USSR.

The article is written as to create the impression that things just are not quite as bad as some have heard or some may think. Apparently, Mr. Sullivan feels that one visit to Russia, along with official Russian Communist permission to visit three churches makes him an authority. And I am sure that a person can gather certain impressions and form a first visit. However, Mr.

Communists gave permission. But the impression from the article that things are free is deceitful and untrue. Perhaps Mr. Sullivan should heed the Biblical admonition found in 1 John 4:1-3. I also think that he should read the past record of the Communists in torture, murder, and atrocities. In fact, the Communist Leopard never changes its spots.

The name Baptist, as used in the article, is misleading because the Baptist Church in Russia is not a Baptist Church but a forced combination of seven different groups brought together by Joseph Stalin about 1944 for the purpose of controlling Christianity. His thinking was that it is easier to control one group than several. The seven groups are: Baptist, Open Brethren, Pentecostal, Stundisten, Evangelicals, Dukhobors, Molokans.

The caption of the article is deceitful, misleading, and subtle. There is no way possible to compare the gangster tactics with the oppression of the Czar. These two systems of totalitarianism are still completely different. The Russian Orthodox Church was the State Church under the Czar. The Czar was the head. There was at least a belief in God, no matter how dim the light. But Communism is an avowed enemy of Jesus Christ and His Gospel. Don't let detente fool you. Communism hates Christians and Christianity and would destroy all in its path, were it not their insatiable desire to get more gullible people, especially ministers, on their side.

Before Communism came to power, though, there were 680 churches open in Moscow. Now there are only 38 and they are State-controlled, as are all churches which operate openly. There is one Baptist Church in this great city of 7 million people and although the people have requested another church to be open, the Communists have refused permission.

Before Communism came to power, Leningrad had 484 churches open, but now there are only 90. Communists hoped that eventually the churches would die out as the old peo-



INCOMPARABLE ILLUMINATION

ple died. But their persecution of Christianity has caused a growth of Christianity and is bringing many young people to take a stand for Christ in defiance of atheistic totalitarianism.

I ask Mr. Sullivan, the Baptist Record, and the liberal-minded Baptists who are running the Southern Baptist Convention and the seminaries, "Why is it that none of you ever try to see from the other side of the picture and see the atheism of Communism, the atrocities of Communism, the World Conquest the Communists are planning, the graves they have planned for you and me and those who profess the name of Christ, as well as enslavement for others, and the revolutionary activities that are going on in America today under the protection of the news media, liberal congressmen, and others (these activities usually covered up with nice terminology such as human rights, civil rights, ecology, environmentalism, OEO, etc., etc.)" All I can say is your paper has never interviewed men such as Stefan Bankov, Richard Wurmbrand, John Noble who were enslaved under the Communist octopus. I challenge you to print either or all their stories in rebuttal to the typical liberal view as given by Mr. Sullivan while wearing his rose colored glasses.

Boyd Pendleton
Louisville, Ky.

Accepts Call To Helena, Mont.; Asks Prayers For Work

Dear Bro. Odle,

Just this past week, my wife, Linda, my son, Sean, and I accepted the call of the Lord to serve as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Helena, Montana. For us this will mark the second time to serve in the cold country. We served at Langdon, N.D. for just over a year in 1971-1972. God blessed our ministry there but for several personal reasons we were led away.

I know of your privilege of serving Him in Montana.

I know of your relationship to this church and to the churches in Montana and the Northern Plains Baptist Convention. Thank God for folks like you who really care about His work in the great Northwest.

Linda and I are excited. We are thrilled. But we know long after all the newness wears away there will be a need for the keeping power of the Lord. Please pray for us daily. Pray for our church and the needs of our people in a city of great opportunity. I will share with you about our work regularly.

One need our people will be having soon is that of a bus. Several are concerned over the possibility of a bus ministry. If you will share this word with others and ask them to pray with us, we will be grateful.

Thank you for your faithfulness in remembering us in prayer. We will be on the field, Lord willing, on September 1st.

Larry Gandy
First Baptist Church
Lake Alfred, Fla.

Mississippi Led Music For WMU Meeting At Dallas

Dear Mr. Odle:

The Convention in Dallas was covered so well in our Baptist Record, except for one thing, I was present at the WMU week and our music was led by a Mississippi boy and from our city of Columbia, and he did a great job. When he stood in for George Bev Shea he had a standing ovation. A group of us were wondering why Dr. Sidney L. Buckley was not mentioned in our Baptist Record.

A group of people from Marion County Columbia, Miss.



A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilde Fancher

Most of us have, more than once, even, jokingly used the saying, "It does me old heart good..."

Somehow that saying has come to mean more to me lately in a serious way, maybe I'm getting a little mellow in my "maturing years." Sometimes, seeing so much dishonesty, so much selfishness, so much bitterness, so much sham, so much shallowness, and other negatives that we see all over the place, a little core of something not exactly soft and pliable, yet not hard and unyielding, forms in my heart. I haven't been able to bring it to definition clearly enough to clothe it in a word yet, but I have an idea you feel it in your own heart sometimes. It isn't a frightening thing, just disturbing.

But the good thing is that, very often, I see someone doing a routine job or carrying out a very definitive responsibility in an attitude that "does me old heart good." The cheerfulness and pleasantness with which the task is done has a softening effect on that nebulous core in my heart.

I saw a family acting this way last week — lovingly caring for a very elderly family member, who had to be lifted, propped, fed; every bit of caring for herself was beyond her physical ability. Most of her time was spent in sleeping, and someone must stay with her each moment, day and night. Yet there was not any indication of resentment or "feeling put upon" or shortness of sweet spirit. You know, you can tell when a pose is assumed, and it was obvious that the behavior of the people involved was habitual, not assumed for company.

It's things like this that make me know that Christianity works on an individual basis. I thought of the love being given to that aged mother, not unlike the love given to tiny babies — sweet, generous, quiet, sustaining — it is because a child does "parents' love is until the child becomes an adult, and then the child can return to the parents the rich kind of love he received from them as a baby and youngster. And, while the parents' physical condition may seem such that communication is lacking, I cannot help but feel that the elderly one knows, feels, accepts the love.

And that it does his old heart good, too.

Temptations are like tramps. Treat them kindly and they will return bringing others with them.

If we can't leave our footprints on the sands of time, we can at least keep them out of the police files.

It's not the revolutions that destroy machinery; it's the friction.

Talk is cheap because the supply always exceeds the demand.

Some people have tact, others tell the truth.

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MISSION OF GOOD WILL IN MEXICO—Governor Bill Waller recently proclaimed Jackson's Broadmoor High School Choir, the Abundant Life Singers, as the official representatives of Mississippi during their mission of good will in Mexico. The choir group will be traveling in Mexico August 10-17. Pictured are: Dr. David Grant, pastor; J. M. Wood, minister of music; choir members, Jame Reeves, Charles Vianey, Charlotte Anderson, and Carol Grayson.



FIRST CHURCH, FLORENCE's musical group called CELEBRATE left on annual summer tour Sunday, June 16. The 54-voice group toured in Louisiana, Dallas, and Houston. They performed a variety of musical numbers including the folk musical I'm Here, God's Here, Now We Can Start by Ralph Carmichael and Kurt Kaiser. The group is under direction of Gary S. Smith.



EASTHAVEN Church, youth choir of BROOKHAVEN, under direction of Michael W. Burt, has returned from a seven-day tour that took them through Louisiana and Texas. The 30-member choir and six sponsors traveled by church bus. They sang and witnessed at five churches on the tour. The group also enjoyed Astro-World in Houston and Six Flags over Texas in Arlington, Texas. Rev. Robert M. Hanvey is pastor.



THE TRIUMPHANT SINGERS OF FIRST CHURCH, BOONEVILLE, under the direction of Lewis Harrington have traveled over 9,000 miles this year to sing in church services, youth meetings, conventions in Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida. They sing somewhere three nights a week, and are on the road most of the time. June 20th they sang for the Mayor's and Alderman's Convention in Biloxi. Rev. Tom F. Rayburn is their pastor.



THE YOUTH CHOIR OF FIRST CHURCH, NEW ALBANY recently completed a tour of Alabama and Florida. Their program was a collection of anthems, folk music, and gospel songs built around the theme "Happy Am I." Rev. William F. Evans is the pastor and Bob Gray is minister of music.



TYLERTOWN YOUTH CHOIR presented the musical "Lightshine" in the sanctuary on Sunday, June 9. The presentation was under direction of Hollis Fraser, Tylertown minister of music and youth. (Photo by Fay P. Simmons)

Today's Youth

1st, Vicksburg Completes Mission To Roma, Texas

Thirty-eight young people and 13 adults from First Church, Vicksburg, returned June 10 from a ten-day mission trip to Roma, Texas. Coordinated by Rusty Griffin, minister of activities, the purpose of "Mission-74" was to strengthen the work of the Roma Baptist Mission.

Last year 94 people from First Vicksburg, went to Roma, on the Rio Grande River, 450 miles southwest of Houston. According to Griffin, the group this year was limited to a smaller number because the young people who participated were required to fill out applications and to be interviewed. Through this process, the most qualified and dedicated youth were chosen to go.

During the day the work consisted of a Day Camp and some witnessing-visiting teams. The Day Camp, with an average attendance of 180, was directed by Martin Chaney. The witnessing-visiting teams worked through the town and surrounding area confronting people and informing them of the Day Camp, medical services, and revival services.

Assisted by a Spanish evangelist, the young people from Vicksburg led the worship services each night.

Asked if language was a barrier, Jan Thomas stated that most of the people spoke English, and all children who were school age understood

English. All the people who participated learned that love is a universal language. Michelle Albritton added, "I didn't realize there were so many people who needed love."

With a high attendance of 375 and an average attendance of 200, the Roma Baptist Mission.

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First, Grenada "Solid Rock" Sings At Ridgecrest

The SOLID ROCK, the youth choir of First, Grenada, was a featured choir at the Foreign Mission Conference at Ridgecrest, June 29-July 5. The choir was composed of 71 young people. Choir sponsors were: Mrs. Lyle Corey, Mrs. Douglas Meadows, Mrs. Albert Morrison, Jr., and Mrs. Charles Smith. Vernon Polk is director, and Mrs. Lawrence Dugan, Jr. is accompanist.

As a part of the tour to Ridgecrest, the choir presented concerts at First Church, Andersonville, Tennessee, Camp Merri-Mac, and Whitehaven Church, Memphis.

Dr. John Lee Taylor, pastor, was the worship leader for the Wednesday evening worship service of the Conference.

100 Candy Work At Hospital

More than 100 young ladies signed up for "Candy Stripper" volunteer work this summer at Mississippi Baptist Hospital, according to Mrs. Katherine Feldman, coordinator of volunteer programs.

The young volunteers went through orientation sessions early in June and are now performing a wide variety of duties at the hospital, either serving patient needs directly or working in various hospital departments.

Vivian Surratt has been elected president of the Candy Stripper organization — a title derived from the red and white stripes of the uniform worn by the volunteers while on duty at the hospital.

Serving with her are Sidney Carol Hancock and Martha White as vice-presidents; Dieder Dye, secretary; Margaret Hosges, treasurer; Susan Harris and Sherry Mitchell, scrapbook; and Candy Cochran, reporter.

Awards were recently presented to the volunteers who have accumulated the most hours of work at the hospital, topped by Kathy Jones Booles with 600 hours, Miss Surratt with 500, and Rita McDaniel with 400.

Thank You, Lord

Thank you Lord, for giving me life,
For helping me Lord, through toll and strife.
Thank you Lord, for being there,
When I'm in trouble, or in despair.
Thank you Lord for your love so dear
For when I call, you're always near.
When I think it's close to the end,
Thank you Lord for being a friend.
Thank you Lord for sending your son
To die on the cross for everyone.
Help me Lord to stay from sin
And keep me safe dear Lord — Amen.
—Randy Price

Share Team To Lead Camps Evangelism Effort January To August Of 1975

NASHVILLE — Four college and seminary students compose a "Share Team" that will travel nationwide Jan. 2 to Aug. 15, 1975, conducting church revivals and campus outreach projects as part of a strategy for campus evangelism during the 1974-1975 year.

National Student Ministries of the Southern Baptist Sunday



MAP TO PORTLAND — Don Gustafson, "resident artist" of First Baptist Church in Worcester, Mass., puts finishing touches on a map indicating the route to be taken by the church's young people by bus to Portland, Ore., for the 8th Baptist Youth World Conference, July 31 - Aug. 4, 1974. Youths from more than 40 nations, from all continents have signed up for the conference, with registration coming in steadily. (BP) Photo

School Board sponsors a schedule of summer youth activities, with Tim Rayborn as youth director. During June a mini-retreat was held at Wall's Camp; two camping trips for boys were sponsored; and the seventh graders (and up) made a trip to Astro World. College singles and high schoolers went on a day trip to Vicksburg National Military Park.

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out for fourth to sixth grade boys; a float trip for seventh grade and up boys, from Georgetown to Monticello, and a youth retreat. August has another overnight camp-out for seventh grade and up, at Clear Springs National Park, Meadville.

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Three Mississippi Choirs Attend Glorieta Festival

GLORIETA, N.M. — The youth choirs from three Mississippi churches recently participated in the 1974 SBC Youth Choir Festivals at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center here.

The Alpha Festival, May 31 - June 3, and Omega Festival, June 4-7, are the first convention-wide youth choir festivals to be held at Glorieta.

The three Mississippi choirs, participating in the Omega Festival, represented Bethel Church, Brandon; Pearson Church, Jackson; and East McComb Church, McComb.

Forty church choirs competed in the identical three-day festivals. These choirs participated in associational, district, and state level choir festivals to qualify for the 1974 SBC Youth Choir Festival.

Youth Dies Before He Can Give Speech On Living

FRANKLIN, Tenn. (BP) Hal Ingraham, 17, was very much alive and prepared the morning of the day he was to give an address expressing the enjoyment he found living because of his belief in Jesus Christ.

The address, — worked out to the last comma — titled, "Alive and Unique," was never given by Hal to its intended audience, the State Speaker's Tournament of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

He died earlier that day when the tractor he was driving overturned, pinning him underneath.

He was a member of the Nashville Baptist Association and the convention Central Region in the tournament, held in early July.

The son of Middle Tennessee Attorney and Mrs. Frank C. Ingraham, the youth began his manuscript:

"I am alive! For this I am deeply grateful because four different times during the first year of my life I was presumed dead." He then asked two questions:

"Why am I alive?"

"What's unique about man today?"

For young Ingraham being alive and man's uniqueness were answered in Jesus Christ and God's love for man.

"... God's purpose for the very beginning has been for man to be His close companion." Hal wrote.

"This relationship can only be completed through our trust in Jesus Christ who died on the cross for our sins. Christ had to pay a terrible price for us in order that we might

be able to regain contact with God. That's how great God's love is for us."

The reason we're alive today? "... to know and share the good news about Jesus Christ."

On uniqueness? — "You see, as Christians we already have an identity in Christ."

Hal would have been a senior at Battle Ground Academy, Franklin, and had plans for becoming an evangelist. Active in Belmont Heights Church youth activities where he was a member, Hal viewed his participation in the speaker's tour

the ministry.

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Pressing Toward The Goal

By Clifton J. Allen
Philippians 2:1-18; 3

The letter to the Philippians is a testimony of personal experience exalting Christ and declaring the joy and strength of devotion to Christ. Paul had learned what life is for. He could tell what matters most. We discover the qualities of courage and fortitude and friendship, humility and faith. He was intense-



ly human, subject to weakness. But he was committed to Christ without reservation. The first lesson passage includes as appeal to unity and humility in terms of the mind of Christ, whose self-giving on the cross is the supreme example of humiliation and exaltation. The second passage declares what Christ should mean to the Christian and the dedication involved in making Christ the goal of one's life.

The Lesson Explained
WHAT MATTERS LEAST
Verses 4b-7
Paul might have boasted of his



First College "Welcome Wagon" In State

Blue Mountain students have something new in store as they arrive on campus for the opening of the 102nd annual session. It is "Campus Welcome." A phase of "Welcome Wagon," this will be a tri-lateral service to school, community, and students. Over 20 businesses and churches in Blue Mountain and Ripley are participating. Dr. E. Harold Fisher, college president, and Mrs. Joe G. Martin, the former Edith Hines, 1949 graduate of Blue Mountain, hostess, are pictured discussing the program. This is the first time a Baptist college in Mississippi has had this type service and according to available statistics, Blue Mountain is the first Baptist college in the nation to have such offerings. Packets for students will be presented by Mrs. Martin on the day of fall semester registration.



Emmanuel Breaks Ground For New Sanctuary

Emmanuel Church, Grenada, broke ground for their new sanctuary June 23rd. The new \$283,000 building will seat 618. Construction has already begun with completion date June 1975. Members of the Planning and Survey committee are, left to right, Rev. Don Henderson, pastor, Alby Anderson, chairman of committee, Norris Rutledge, Bill Wilson, Bobby Fleming, John E. Smith and John Lamkin. Not pictured is Vernon McCombs.



AT CAREY IN THE GOOD OLE SUMMER TIME! Summer school students at Carey find the lessons just as hard to prepare, but the conditions just a little more leisurely pleasant in the summer. Capturing some of the outdoor atmosphere before going into class are co-eds, from left: Kathy Clawson, Gemia Pascale, and Lynn Simms, all from Hattiesburg. The first summer session ended on July 5 and the second began on July 9.

First, Vicksburg - - -

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vival services registered 165 decisions. Music at the services was led by John G. McCall, III, who took a leave of absence from his missionary work in Louisville, Kentucky, to work with the youth choir and HIS, a special small group of singers from First, Vicksburg.

According to Griffin, the adults on the trip proved to be invaluable. He quickly stated that the 13 adults did not serve as "chaperones," but each had specific tasks to perform. Dr. Chester Masterson, assisted by Mrs. Doug Stroud, treated patients in Roma and also across the Mexican border. David McDonald served ably as the "resident mechanic" for the two vans, church bus, and rented truck.

Griffin states that the project was a tremendous success. "For the first time, the kids, as well as the adults got a touch of what missions is all about. They were no longer talking about missions, they were doing mission work. They were actively involved in ministering to the physical

and spiritual needs of the people of Roma."

"This trip has made our people more aware of the mission opportunities that exist right here in Vicksburg. The kids were appalled at the poverty of the people, but were quickly reminded that such conditions exist at our back door. I think we will be more sensitive to our local opportunities."

Eric Partridge added, "I suddenly realized how fortunate I was to be physically and spiritually able to help others." "God used us to touch those people," said Pat Stroud.

When asked what she and all the other people personally gained from this mission project, Karen Glenn summed up their feelings with the following statement, "We learned how fantastic it can be to really love Jesus Christ and to serve Him."

Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary graduated four students May 27 with George H. Hays, Foreign Mission Board field representative for East Asia, delivering the commencement address.

Jewish privileges and his attainments under the law. No one of the Judaizers could have claimed more. He himself was of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, next in honor to the tribe of Judah, and a Hebrew in the fullest sense. Beyond this, he was a Pharisee, a party marked by the strictest devotion to the law. His zeal as a persecutor of the early Christians was unmatched — he became the recognized leader of those trying to destroy the church. In the righteousness required by the law, he was blameless. This does not mean that he was sinless, but that he met every legal requirement of moral practice. From a human standpoint, Paul could have boasted of race, of moral uprightness, of religious devotion, of recognition and esteem by his countrymen, and of having achieved leadership and prestige beyond persons of his own age. When he met Christ on the Damascus Road he was willing to count them all as loss. They mattered least, in the light of Christ.

WHAT MATTERS MOST
Verses 8-11

Face to face with Jesus, risen from the dead and alive, Paul saw that the things of which he could boast were nothing more than refuse over against the surpassing worth of knowing Jesus Christ as Lord. He found further, in the glory of that encounter with Jesus, that forgiveness comes through grace, that righteousness depends on faith, a righteousness which is God's gift based on faith in Christ rather than obedience to the law, and that receiving Christ assures man of acceptance with God. In the years that followed Paul was possessed by one supreme concern: The passion of his heart was to know Christ, not just intellectually but in personal experience, in the deepest and most meaningful way. He wanted to know Christ in personal appreciation, in divine purpose, in moral power, and in Godlike love. This meant that he wanted to share in the power of Christ's resurrection, in fellowship with his sufferings, and in assurance of resurrection from the dead.

TOWARD CHRISTIAN MATURITY
Verses 12-16

As Paul considered his achievements, he felt that he came far short. With true humility, he recognized that he was only pressing toward maturity, in no sense having fully arrived. The apostle was, however, possessed by a gripping conviction that Christ had laid hold on him for a holy purpose. He was still pressing on to grasp more firmly or to realize in experience more fully the wonderful intention in Christ's having saved him from enmity and iniquity and futility and having called him into the service of the gospel. Therefore, Paul was obsessed by one purpose, to "press toward the mark for the high prize of the calling of God in Christ Jesus." He would forget failures and achievements in the past. He would strain with every ounce of energy to grow in likeness to Christ and to accomplish more in the work of Christ. Christ was himself the goal. To please him and to accomplish the mission given by him were the true ends of life. Attitudes and courses of action in the past which have not been fruitful should be abandoned. The ones which have contributed strength and peace should be followed. Maturity is not an accident. It can be achieved as we keep our eyes on the goal, which is Christ the Lord, and as we follow proved principles of moral achievement and spiritual fidelity.

Lewis Walker Joins Sunday School Board

NASHVILLE — Lewis H. Walker, a native of South Carolina, is a new editor in the preschool section of the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Prior to coming to the Sunday School Board Walker was minister of music and education at Bel - Ridge Baptist Church in Belvedere, S. C.

Sunshine Singers - - -

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Churches they visited were Sylva, Tenn.; Gray's Creek Church, Denham Springs, Louisiana; Grosse Tete Church, Grosse Tete, Louisiana; and South Louisville Church, Louisville. In each of the churches they visited, they gave a program of music and personal testimonies. There were three professions of faith and many rededications in the churches visited.

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Will God Really Forgive Me?

Psalm 51; 32:3-5
By Bill Duncan

"I am a girl eighteen years old. About two months ago I made a horrible mistake. Now I feel as if God has entirely forsaken me. How can I know I am forgiven?"

Guilt is common to all of us. Without a sense of guilt, men would be more animals, never gratified at excellence nor appalled at failure. Man's conscience, through his sense of guilt, promotes decency and obedience. Man is so made that even though his sinful deeds are never made public or punished by society, his conscience will goad and torment him mercilessly. Our main concern is how to overcome guilt.

One can never be fully free of guilt until he realizes all he has to do is confess to God his sin and accept forgiveness. Many people repent but do not by faith believe that God actually forgives and forgets.

A backwoods fellow had never heard of a bank. He kept his savings buried in the ground, but constantly worried about someone stealing his money. One day he learned about banks, dug up his savings, and deposited them therein. But that night he worried as always. He had placed his money in the safekeeping of the bank, but he had not placed his confidence in the bank's care. As far as his worries were concerned, he might, as well have left his money in the ground.

Many people cannot really believe that God would forgive (to say nothing of forgetting) the sins of a fellow like themselves. Feeling that God could not forgive him, he refuses to forgive himself. Presumably he has deposited his sin with God, but he finds no assurance, no peace of mind, no confidence that God has washed the slate.

Robert J. Hastings said, "Why do we find it difficult to accept God's forgiveness completely? Because we have grown up with the idea that forgiveness means to be 'let off.' Our childish attitude is that escape from punishment is the sum total of God's forgiveness. But our conscience will not let us 'get off.' Guilt has a way of fastening itself on us so that we are determined to suffer for our wrongs even if we have to inflict the suffering ourselves!"

When God forgives a person of sin, forgiveness not only cancels the punishment but restores the fellowship. True forgiveness makes us as if we had never sinned in our relationship to God. God is willing and wants to forgive. It is our unwillingness to believe, that results in chronic guilt and self-blame.

Until we see sin as particular, definite and personal, we will not come to feel strongly enough about sin's consequence to do anything about it. The author of Psalm 51 had committed a sin that he felt deeply about.

This Bible study is a look into the private life of one who is struggling with guilt and is restored to favorable position. The guilty one is shown as being in a helpless condition except for God's forgiveness. This classic Psalm shows us how God will forgive and will restore.

CONFESSION NECESSARY FOR FORGIVENESS.

"Confession is good for the soul" is an old saying. But we do not need to confess sin to man as much as we need to confess our sin to God. He is the only power or resource who can give mercy or pardon.

Before the sinner admits his sin he appeals to God for mercy. His is the cry of a guilty soul who dreads justice and who longs for mercy. So confidently he turns to God for the pardon, the forgiveness, the cleansing and the restoration that his heart craves.

The particular, definite and personal sins are: Rebellion — setting one's self against the will and the law of God, Iniquity — depravity of conduct, Sin — missing the aim or the mark.

There are three things that the sinner confesses he wants God to do for him that he cannot do for himself. He says: "Blot out, wash me, cleanse

me." This process of removing the results, the punishment, the sin itself is his greatest need. In a humble spirit he prays for God to work a miracle.

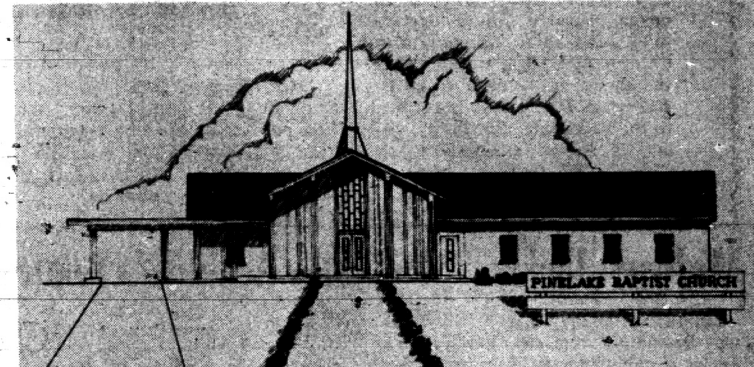
David, the King had sinned deliberately with Bathsheba and murdered her husband. The open and honest confession acknowledged the terrible reality. Because he knows he cannot keep God's grace to himself, a part of his confession is a vow to tell others of God's forgiveness.

The sincere confession, "I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin

is ever before me," is open and full. He assumes all responsibility for his sins. His own conscience is now his constant accuser.

Even thoughtful people today must go a long way to reach the high point to which David came in this clear understanding of the place and power of full confession of sin. Forgiveness must come from God and thank God. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

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Pinelake Church On The Reservoir Dedicates New Church Building

In a little over three years a building including a sanctuary and educational facilities has become a reality to a group of interested Ross Barnett Reservoir residents who met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Young with representatives from Rankin Association to discuss and plan the organization of a Southern Baptist Church on the reservoir.

The first meeting was held in a mobile chapel on property across from Forest Point. Mrs. J. E. Pace of Brandon, gave 16 acres of choice property to the Rankin Association for the building of a church and associational use. The association deeded five acres of this property to Pinelake church.

There were 32 people present for the first meeting on March 21, 1971.

This was under the sponsorship of Flowood Church. In September of 1971 a building planning committee was elected to begin the task of planning the first building program. Rev. Carey Cox was appointed chairman of this committee.

On Sunday, July 21 at 2:30 p.m. Pinelake dedicated this phase of their plans. The dedication speaker was Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins; special music was by the Pinelake Choir led by Don Flynt, minister of music. A brief history of Pinelake was given by Rev. J. C. Renfro, superintendent of Rankin Association who was interim pastor until Rev. Gary Watkins was called as first pastor of Pinelake in January, 1974.

From a mobile chapel with nine members the congregation has gone to a lovely brick building with over 150 members.

P. E. Hartfield, Missionary's Father, Dies In Jackson

P. E. Hartfield, father of Jimmy J. Hartfield, Baptist representative to Mexico, died June 30 in Jackson, Miss. Both from Mississippi, Jimmy Hartfield (address: 2334 Cornet Place, Jackson, 39204) was born in Purvis and grew up on a farm near Hattiesburg; Mrs. Hartfield is the former Susie Armstrong of Lamar County. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1960, he was Training Union and Baptist Student Union secretary for the Baptist Convention of Maryland.

Mr. Hartfield was a member of the Daniel Memorial Church in Jackson.



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Names In The News

The new music director of Byram Church is Dale Owens. An outstanding musician since early childhood, he has been teaching music for the past two or three years, including organ lessons. He and his family have been active in Byram Church for a number of years. He is the youngest music director the church has ever called. Only 17 years old, he enters Hinds Jr. College this fall. He has been serving as interim music director for the past two months.

James Webster, pictured, and family have arrived in Jackson, where he began his service with



Parway Church, as minister of education, on July 15. He is a native of Pontotoc, and a graduate of Mississippi State University and Southwestern Seminary. He has served churches in Texas, Tennessee, Louisiana, and Mississippi. Mrs. Webster, a graduate of William Carey College, did some study in religious education and music at Southwestern Seminary and served in the areas of music and education in First Church, Luberton, and Ridgecrest Church, Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Riddell, missionaries to Chile, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 4004 Ave. G, Austin, Tex. 78751). She was born in Meridian.

Charles and LaVerne Tope, missionaries to Kenya, expect to arrive in the States for a four-month mini-furlough, around mid-August. Their address will be 303 West Madison, Clinton, Ms. 39066. He was pastor of First Church, Biloxi, before re-appointment for missionary service in 1971.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob G. Magee, missionaries, have completed furlough and are transferring from Chile to Colombia (address: Apartado Aereo 50094, Barranquilla, Colombia). Both are natives of Mississippi.

Robert Smith was licensed to preach by Byram Church, Sunday night, July 7. He has been serving as a deacon, Church Training Youth worker, and Adult Sunday School department director. He will be glad to supply whenever needed. He will enter Mississippi College in the fall term. His address is 342 Savannah, Jackson, Miss., phone number 373-4967. Rev. Henry J. Bennett is Byram pastor.

Betty Sue Smith of Jackson wrote an article for July Contemporary, the magazine for Baptist Young Women. Miss Smith, a member of Woodland Hills Church, Jackson, featured the BYWs at Delta State College and guest speakers. She is office secretary in the MBCB's Department of Student Work.

Rev. Charlie A. Webb, former Mississippi, now pastor of First Baptist Church, Live Oak, Florida, "in the heart of Suwannee River country," will preach in an evangelistic campaign in Rhodesia, Africa, August 8-26. The Rhodesian Mission, through the Foreign Mission Board, invited him to be one of the preachers for this campaign. His Florida church granted him five weeks' leave and is providing expense money. Mr. Webb also plans to visit Southern Baptist mission work in Rio, in Tanzania, and in Kenya.

Allen Hill is the new minister of music and youth at First Church, Union. He and his wife, Gayle, moved on the field July 22. Rev. Douglas White is the pastor.

Laurene McEmore, wife of Dr. James D. McEmore, pastor of 38th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, has been selected an outstanding educator as a secondary teacher in home economics. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theo Boggan of Mendon, she is a graduate of Delta State College, and has studied at University of Southern Mississippi. She has taught home economics in Columbia, Monticello, and Ranelstown, and will join the faculty of Sumrall Attendance Center this fall. In 38th Avenue Church, she is director of the College and Career Department in Sunday School and director of the Senior High Department in Church Training. She was G.A. director for the Lebanon Association in 1973. Many will remember her as office secretary in the state Church Music Department under the leadership of W. C. Morgan.

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At the request of Good Hope Church, Camden, Hanging Moss Church of Jackson has ordained Rev. Walter Grayson into the gospel ministry. The service was held June 23 in Hanging Moss Church. Rev. Ken Cook brought the charge to the church and Dr. Robert H. Perry gave the charge to the candidate. Dr. Perry, pastor, is shown presenting Mr. Grayson the certificate of ordination.

Richard Yates, Bruce Rogers, and James Freeman have been elected as deacons of First Church, Orange Grove, near Pascagoula. Rev. H. L. Davis is pastor.

Mic Morrow, native of North Carolina, recently joined the church training department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville as an editor of adult materials.

Midway, Jackson, Dedicates Activities Center

Sunday evening, June 2, the Midway Baptist Church 5609 Clinton Blvd., Jackson, dedicated its new Activities Center. The building houses a gymnasium suitable for basketball, skating, volleyball, etc.; a large game

room for table games; a ceramics room; a refreshment area; office and storage space; and a complete stainless steel kitchen which will be used for Wednesday night fellowship suppers and other special occasions.



Those who took part in the dedication of the new Activities Center of Midway Church were, from left, Mrs. Jackie Whitmire, William Brinson, Mrs. Jane Creelink, Rev. W. Benton Preston, Hulon Bilbo, John Watkins, Benny Taylor.

John Watkins, chairman, presented the report of the Building Committee and recognized the committee members — Hulon Bilbo, John Bishop, Eric Blankley, Jane Creelink and Jackie Whitmire. He also recognized those who donated time, labor and materials.

Benny Taylor, activities director, delivered the message, "This Building for the Glory of God." William Brinson, chairman of deacons, offered the prayer of dedication and Dennis McIntire, minister of music and youth, presented the special music. An open house followed the service of dedication with refreshments served by the ladies of the Adult Sunday School department.

Rev. W. Benton Preston, pastor, states that this facility, through a wide variety of activities and programs, will serve to enhance the already wonderful fellowship of the church and will provide a very definite arm of evangelistic outreach. The building was opened for use on June 3.

NAZARETH, Israel — The Nazareth Baptist Schools graduated 38 seniors and 44 eighth grade students recently. Headmaster Dale G. Thorne, Southern Baptist missionary and principal Emil Insair presented certificates to students in special commencement ceremonies.

Devotional

In Your Hand

By W. A. Robinson, Pastor, State Boulevard Church, Meridian

As a high school student, I had the privilege of a summer visit to relatives in Washington, D. C. One of the interesting places which I toured was the Treasury Department. Since my aunt worked there, I had the special tour to the vaults where gold bullion was stored. The guide had me to pick up two bars of metal and to guess the value. My estimate of a few thousand dollars was far short of the real worth. For the moment I held in my hand four million dollars (no samples, please), much more than I realized I had.



"What is that in thine hand?" (Exodus 4:2) is the question which God asked Moses at the burning bush. Moses had complained to God of his inability to lead Israel out of Egyptian bondage. Then God asked Moses what was in his hand. Moses answered, "A rod." When cast on the ground it became a serpent. Picked up (by the tail) it became a rod again. Moses had more in his hand than he realized.

Most of us fail to realize our potential. In our hand are abilities, waiting to be discovered. In our hand is time, influence, personality, waiting to be used. What we have is probably worth more than we think. We need to find what is in our hand, then use it and develop it. Above all, we need to place what we have in the hands of God.

During seminary days, I attended a Kiwanis Club meeting in my home town. The club was sponsoring a concert by Rubinoff, the violinist, who was a guest at the meeting. Two young violin students were invited also, and each played a number for us. Then Rubinoff arose, took the violin from one of the young men, adjusted it and began to play. The same instrument produced much richer tones in the hands of Rubinoff. The violin was in the hands of a master.

Find what is in your hand, and place it in God's hands. You will amount to something in God's hands, for you will be in great hands.

J. B. Middleton

Dies In Eupora

Funeral services for Rev. J. B. Middleton, 81, well-known retired Baptist minister, were held at Eupora Church Thursday afternoon, July 18. Interment followed in the Eupora Cemetery.

Mr. Middleton, a former pastor of the church at Eupora, died at Webster County General Hospital July 16 after a brief illness.

Survivors include his wife, Effie Carver Middleton; three children, Rev. Gwin Middleton of Columbus, Mrs. Malcolm Knight of Jacksonville, Florida, and Talmadge Middleton of Wiggins; three brothers, Austin Middleton of Lambert, A. B. Middleton of Winona, and Edwin Middleton of Gore Springs; two sisters, Mrs. Pearl Salley of Duck Hill and Mrs. Alvie Neal of Benoit; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

A native of Webster county, Mr. Middleton was a graduate of Clarke College and Mississippi College. During his 57 years in the ministry, he pastored churches in Webster, Calhoun, Choctaw and Panola counties, including churches at Bellefontaine, Eupora, Bruce, Sardis and Weir.

A man is as big as the things that annoy him.

Revival Dates

Old Pearl Valley (Neshoba): July 21-26; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Warren Haney, pastor of Spring Creek (Neshoba), evangelist; Ronald Fulton from Spring Creek, singer; Rev. Wade Chappell, pastor.

Rocky Creek, Lucedale: August 1-4; Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor emeritus of Bellevue, Memphis, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and author of 48 books, evangelist; Rev. Sonny Adkins, pastor; services at 7:30 p.m.; homecoming services and dinner on the grounds on August 4. (Dr. Lee's famous sermon, "Pay Day Some Day," has been made into a technicolor moving picture and also has been recorded.)

New Hope (Lafayette): August 4-9; morning and night services Sunday; night services through Friday at 7:45; Rev. Larry Tapp of Biloxi, evangelist; Brenda Tapp, pianist; J. B. Smith, song leader; Rev. J. W. Massie of Sardis, pastor.

Fellowship (Choctaw): July 28-Aug. 2; Jerry Simon, missionary to Uganda, evangelist; Rev. W. K. Richardson, pastor; services Monday-Friday at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Temple Church, Petal: July 28-Aug. 2; Rev. James Fancher, Jackson, evangelist; J. B. Betts, Southaven, singer; services 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. G. W. Smith, pastor.

Fairhaven, Olive Branch: July 28-Aug. 4 prayer groups at 7:15 p.m.; worship services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Lamar Lifer, pastor, First, Nesbit, evangelist; First, Southaven, music director; Mrs. Dorothy Loftin, organist; Mrs. Debbie Goodnight, pianist; Rev. Jackie Cooke, pastor. (The Revelations, gospel singing group from Brighton, Tennessee will conduct the entire worship service on August 4 at 7:30 p.m.)

Sunrise Church, Hattiesburg: July 28-Aug. 2; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Evangelist Alvin K. Waller and Song Leader Paul Powell, both of First Church, Pearl River, La.; (Homecoming will be Sunday, July 28. An afternoon service will follow dinner on the ground); Rev. Robert H. Rogers, pastor.

Abbeville: July 28-Aug. 2; Rev. Homer Worsham, pastor of Red Banks, evangelist; Lucy Potter, minister of music, Glenfield, New Albany, song director; services 10:30 and 7:30; Rev. Millard L. Swinney, pastor.

Edna Church: July 21-26; Rev. S. B. Boyett, pastor of Immanuel Church, Hattiesburg, and student at William Carey College, evangelist; Charles Fortenberry, church music director; Philip Fortenberry, pianist; Rev. William M. Clawson, pastor. (Homecoming was held on July 21 with dinner on the grounds. Rev. C. H. Fortenberry, former pastor, spoke at the morning service.)

Temple Church (Jackson County): July 28-Aug. 2; regular services on Sunday; services at 7:30 p.m. Monday - Friday; Dr. Jerry Oswalt, Chaplain at William Carey College, guest speaker; The Jacksonaires, a singing group from Pascagoula, in charge of the music; Rev. Jack N. Stanley, pastor.

Osyka Church: July 28-Aug. 2; Rev. Allen Stephens, pastor of Bay Vista Church, evangelist; Charles Carruth, music director; regular services Sunday; services each day at 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Drew D. Blanton, pastor.

Arkabutla (Tate): July 28-Aug. 2; Rev. Dan Morton, First, Indianola, evangelist; Farley Earnest, minister of music, First, Senatobia, singer; 10:30 a.m. and 8 p.m.; Rev. Jimmy Carr, pastor.

Leflore Church: July 28-August 2; 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Eli Whitshire, evangelist; Bo Adkins, singer; Rev. Guy Futral, pastor; special music each night; dinner on the ground July 28.

French Camp: July 28-August 2; Rev. Carlos Braswell, evangelist; Mrs. Hudson Chasteen and Mrs. James Ward, music; Rev. J. B. Smith, pastor.

Poplar Creek (Nations) Church, Rt. 2, Kilbuck: July 28 - Aug. 2; services at 10:45 a.m. and 7:45 p.m.; Rev. James Parker, pastor, Oakland Heights Church, Meridian, evangelist; Jack Austin, West Point, and Mrs. Wayne Cartledge, music; H. B. Vinson, pastor.

Bethlehem, near Pinola: July 28-August 2; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Frank Jones, evangelist; John Meadows, leading singing; Rev. Marvin Cox, pastor.

Calvary, Booneville: July 28-Aug. 2; Rev. Harris Counce, Colonial, Memphis, evangelist; 6:10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Doyle Ferrell, pastor.

Candler's Chapel (Prentiss): Aug. 4-9; Rev. Larry Garner, New Orleans Seminary student, former pastor of New Salem (Tish) evangelist; Sunday morning service at 11; nightly services at 7:30; Rev. Steve Hardwick, pastor.

First, Belzoni: Realife Revival, July 28-31; Buddy Mathis of Pascagoula, evangelist; Richard Lister from First Church, Summit, singer; Regular services Sunday at 7 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. services Monday through Wednesday; Rev. Jasper Neel, pastor.

Fellowship (Tippah): July 28 - August 2; Rev. W. T. Wright, pastor, Main Street, Mendenhall, evangelist; Rayford Bullick, Ripley, singer; Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekday 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Roy R. Marshall, pastor.

Linna Church: August 4-9; Rev. Jasper Neel of Belzoni, evangelist; all-day services on Sunday, which will be Homecoming Day.

First Church, Ranelstown (Perry) July 28 - Aug. 2; Rev. Dale Patterson, pastor, Roseland Park Church, Picayune, evangelist; Roger Blackwell, director of music; Sunday morning service regular time with lunch served at noon and a 2 p.m. service (no Sunday night service); weekday services 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Herman McAlpin, pastor.

Shady Grove Church, Route 4, Batesville: July 21-26; 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Claude Howe, Bethel Church (Yalobusha), evangelist; James Bay, singer; Rev. Wesley Nicholas, pastor.

Mission Crusade In Montana This Week

A city-wide gospel crusade in Libby, Montana, is being conducted July 21-26 by Dr. Gail DeBord and Charles Red of the First Church, Long Beach, Mississippi. Accompanying the team for the week are the Four Runners, a gospel singing group from Dimmitt, Texas. A number of the churches of the area are joining together in promoting the meeting. The sponsoring pastor is Rev. Charles McReynolds of the Libby Church.

This crusade is part of a larger effort in which several teams will be going from Mississippi to Montana for summer revival meetings. Dr. DeBord is chairman of the subcommittee of the Pioneer Missions Committee which instigated this endeavor.

Will God Really - -

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FORGIVENESS LEADS TO RENEWAL

What destructive power sin must have! David calls upon the Creator to give him a new heart. The old nature is helpless. Only the divine blessing can bring about the cleansing, restoration and reclaiming. He wanted his whole mental, moral and spiritual nature to be renewed by the creative touch of God. The new creatures must be freed and must be renewed. Then he could stand in God's presence, without shame.

David begs God to keep him close and not banish him from His presence. In the spirit of renewal he feels that he will have God's presence to encourage him and to strengthen him. David knew that the Spirit was taken away from Saul, so he prays this will not happen to him.

The spirit of renewal calls for sharing what God has done. Having experienced the joy that comes to one who is restored, he desires to share what has taken place in him. He proposes to do this by word of testimony, by song, and a spirit of humility. Anything that will cause men to turn their hearts to God and to surrender their hearts to Him will be in his realm of work. The psalmist resolves to use his regained freedom in grateful service and to express his thanksgiving by the sacrifice which is most pleasing to God.

FORGIVENESS LEADS TO ASSURANCE

The very heart of clearing our conscience, whether children of God or unsaved, is faith. Faith is coming to God in trusting prayer. This God is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. A human being must see that God's love accepts him as he is and forgives and cleanses. However bad the sin may be, God's redeeming love is the remedy.

A man with a terribly guilty conscience — one soiled by drinking, gambling, and profanity — got down on his knees and prayed to God. Someone had just explained to him how to be saved. "Lord, you know how unhappy I have been. I had tried to say that these things that I was doing were not very bad. But you know, O God, how sinful my heart is. Forgive me — cleanse me — save me." When he got up from his knees he said to the preacher, "I feel like I've had a bath." That is the way true faith operates. It not only cleanses, but brings God's power into the life so that he may go straight in the future.



The Edwards Family

Called To Friendship

Rev. James L. Edwards has accepted the call as pastor of Friendship Church, Columbus.

Native of Coffeeville, he is married to the former Shirley Gray of Coffeeville; they have one son, Jim Edwards, Jr., six.

Mr. Edwards is a graduate of MSU and attended State on a basketball scholarship, having been teamed with W. D. (Red) Stroud, the All-American guard of MSU. After graduation, Mr. Edwards was a coach. His last coaching assignment was Ashland High school.

Prior to entering New Orleans Seminary he was pastor over two years at Chalhybeate.

He will graduate from the seminary July 28. For over one year he was pastor in the New Orleans area while attending the seminary and was active last summer in his home church of Coffeeville, working with the youth and in bus ministry work.

Local Couple Returns After Life As Pioneer Missionaries

After more than 23 years in a ministry which took them through most of the western states, Dr. and Mrs. Stanley A. File have returned to Mississippi to make their home.

The Files served several pastorates in Mississippi in the early part of their ministry, including Bowen Memorial (Fernwood) in Gulfport and churches in Pearl River, Yazoo, and Lamar Counties. Mrs. File is the former Annie Laurie Dodge, daughter of the late Rev. P. S. Dodge, and Mrs. Mayo Edwards Dodge. They have two children and two grandchildren.

Dr. File spent most of his ministry in the Northwest as pioneer missionary establishing churches in Washington and Alaska. His preaching and evangelism took him to California, Colorado, Oregon and Canada. His book, HIS FAMILY: HIS CHURCH, published in 1971 is a provocative account of the modern church scene in the light of Scripture and history. His most recent service was on the faculty of Antioch Baptist College in Georgia as professor of church history and contemporary religions. Mrs. File was director of the kindergarten and day care center at Antioch.

Off The Record

Summer worker, Kathy West, is from Mississippi and is true to her state, when it comes to accent in speech and Southern expressions. During the Bible School in McDermitt she yelled at her Indian children, "Ya'll - Sit Down!!! No one sat down. She took a deep breath and thundered as only she can thunder, "Ya'll - SIT DOWN!!!"

The children remained standing and one of the girls said, "Who is Ya'll?" — FROM: Missionary Letter of Rev. LaVern Inzer, Box 605, Carlin, Nevada, 89822, in "Yuhder."

One reassuring thing about modern art — is that things can't possibly be as bad as they are painted.

Mother: Why is that bottle of sun tan lotion on the breakfast table? Little girl: I put some on my toast so it wouldn't burn.

As the youth was leaving his girl friend's house after having a lover's spat, he encountered her kid brother. "Your sister's a little spoiled, isn't she?" he commented.

"No," was the kid brother's reply. "That's just the perfume she's wearing."

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